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U.S. Readies Forces For Evacuation Fight

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The U.S. is sending thousands of Marines plus electronic warfare planes, jet refuelling tankers, helicopters and transports to Indochina as concern grows over the evacuation of some 2,000 Americans and an undisclosed number of South Vietnamese associates.

Senior officials describe the situation as "touch and go."

The prospects have increased that a swift emergency evacuation may be necessary as Saigon's outer defences crumble and North Vietnamese artillery and anti-aircraft missiles come within range of Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport.

If either the North or South Vietnamese "shows displeasure" at such an evacuation, President Ford said Monday diplomatically, "some fairly sizable force" of Americans might be required to extricate those South Vietnamese who would be exposed to retaliation without the protection of the United States.

Ford also said, "There was no pressure by me or anyone else in Washington" for the resignation of President Nguyen Van Thieu, despite Thieu's charge that he was under U.S. pressure to resign.

Thieu's decision "so far as we know was made entirely on his own," he added.

Thousands of Americans and their South Vietnamese dependents meanwhile, jammed a tent colony at United States' Clark air base in the Philippines today as the evacuation from Saigon became a round-the-clock operation.

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One-Man Inquiry For Air Canada

OTTAWA (CP) — The government will appoint a one-man commission to investigate the circumstances surrounding the payment of \$100,000 to a Montreal travel agent by an official of Air Canada.

And Transport Minister Jean Marchand told reporters after a cabinet meeting today the commission will look at "the whole financial structure of the organization to see if we have all the control we need" over company spending. (Earlier story Page 15.)

MISSION CLOSING

OTTAWA (UPI) — Canada is expected to close its diplomatic mission in Saigon Wednesday, a government source said today.

There are still three diplomatic representatives in the South Vietnamese capital, including chargé d'affaires Ernest Hebert. Their families have all left.

A government source said it was "highly likely" the mission would close Wednesday. "Bearing in mind the departure of our Commonwealth friends, the Australians, it makes it easier to be the next to go," he said. Australia closed its embassy Monday.

Another government source said that it was unlikely Canada would re-open the mission in Saigon once the political situation settled down, noting Canada already has representation in Hanoi.

Aside from the three diplomats, there are 38 other Canadians — 10 journalists, 20 missionaries who plan to stay on, and eight with Vietnamese dependents awaiting visas — still in Saigon.

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School Tax Rate On Wednesday

Greater Victoria school board will meet Wednesday evening to set the education mill rate for the district.

The exact figure of the new rate has not yet been released, but Education Minister Eileen Daily said Monday the average mill rate across the province will be 41.21 mills.

That's a 7.15 mill jump from last year's provincial average of 34.06 mills, or a jump of more than 20 per cent.

The local school board has traditionally set a mill rate close to the provincial average, but last year it was 1.16 mills above the average.

Trustee Peter Dunn predicted

ed earlier this spring that the \$35.4 million operating budget approved by the board would raise the education tax on property by \$63 on a \$45,000 home.

His estimate did not include the levy for Camosun College costs, which is added to the school district mill rate.

The mill rate for the college was .97 mills in 1974, and should be well over one mill this year.

Dally said the 7.15 mill rise will occur despite \$25.5 million in supplementary and special aid grants she has approved for school districts.

Victoria's share of the \$25.5 million is included in the \$17,438,691 the government is

giving the district to cover the province's share of 1975 education costs.

The \$17 million figure also includes a basic school operating grant and a grant for Camosun.

That part of the school budget not covered by the provincial grants are raised through school property taxes.

The Victoria school board's total 1975 budget is \$39.3 million, and with Camosun costs added it will be more than \$40 million.

The total amount of provincial funds going to Saanich School District is \$3,533,677; to Sooke is \$4,700,505; and no funds have been allotted to

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tower would be about 100 feet into the city of Victoria.

He described it as "a beautifully-designed scanner about 75 feet high."

"It's a space needle. It's terrible," said Ald. Shirley Dowell.

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New Colleges Urged

VANCOUVER (CP) — Education Minister Eileen Daily Monday released the results of a study into community colleges on the lower mainland.

Among the report's 33 recommendations is one calling for the establishment of two new colleges — one to serve the Delta-White Rock-Surrey and Langley region, and one in Richmond to give special attention to vocational and career courses.

The report was prepared by a committee headed by UBC professor Leonard Marsh. It was set up last September on the advice of the education department's task force on community colleges.

Daily said the report is currently being studied by a committee headed by deputy minister Jack Fleming and associate deputy minister A. E. Soles.

The Marsh report recommends that the proposed new colleges not operate exclusively between specific boundaries and that students be encouraged to attend colleges outside of their own districts to take advantage of a wider variety of courses.

Also recommended:

— That the present Vancouver Community College serve the northern part of the city with a core facility in downtown Vancouver. The Langara campus of the VCC would serve the southern part of the city and Richmond.

— That the Vancouver School of Art be separated from the VCC and serve the whole province as the B.C. Art Institute.

— That Vancouver Vocational institute be established as a separate college and its facilities be improved.

— That Capilano College become Capilano Burrard College and that it serve the south side of Burrard Inlet, including North Burnaby and northeastern Vancouver.

— That each province be governed under a separate board composed of two instructors, two students and one member of the support staff, all of whom would be elected, and 10 members from the community and special interest groups such as unions and industry. Each college would retain a principal.

The report recognizes the possibility of competition between the colleges and consequently the duplication of facilities, and states that those problems should be identified by the regional council.

The council, which would be established in permanent offices, drew fire from J. J. Denholm, principal of Langara College.

"The fact that the Lower Mainland would be considered without boundaries makes a lot of sense, but I get a little

ESQUIMALT VOTE SET ON BYLAW

Esquimalt's planning committee has decided to vote on a proposed draft bylaw for the formation of an Advisory Planning Commission.

At a meeting Monday, the committee discussed APC bylaws already existing in Saanich and Victoria and recommended changes for their smaller municipality such as fewer members than the 11 and 15 on those two commissions.

Mann visited all but three of those who had signed the petition and said, "They'd rather see nothing there."

Representatives from Concord Credits Ltd. appeared before committee members at the meeting, continuing their lengthy bid to obtain approval on a site plan for development of the Esquimalt property.

They will return to the next committee meeting with more details on one of their site plans presented.

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Regionalized Libraries Approved

Saanich council agrees with regionalization of public library services.

It gave its delegate on the Greater Victoria Public Library's board, Ald. Mel Couveller, the go-ahead to support regionalization at Monday's meeting of council.

Couveller told council that before the Library Development Commission would increase its grants to the library, the LDC was insisting on regionalization of the library under the Capital Regional District, that View Royal be included and that cost-sharing be done on a property assessment basis, rather than on a population basis.

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Planning Seminar At Sooke

A community planning seminar will be held at the Sooke community hall Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Regional director Ron Dumont said today the seminar will deal with what a community plan is all about as well as zoning and subdivision bylaws. Taking part will be Bob Collier of UBC's Centre for Continuing Education.

A community plan for the Sooke area is now being formulated and Dumont said a zoning and a subdivision bylaw would logically follow after the plan has been established.

246 DONORS AT MONDAY CLINICS

Blood clinics at Red Cross House and at Claremont senior secondary school produced 246 donors Monday.

Clinics today are at Red Cross House, 1046 Fort, from 1:30 to 4:30 and 6:30 to 9 p.m. and at Mount Douglas senior secondary, from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:15 to 3 p.m. and the public is welcome.

Wednesday's clinics are at Victoria high school, from 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1:15 to 3 p.m. and at Belmont-Fisher secondary school, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Banana Tax Bribe Ousts Arellano

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (UPI) — Gen. Oswaldo Lopez Arellano was ousted as president of Honduras today in a bloodless coup linked to a \$1.25 million bribe from a U.S. firm trying to get banana taxes lowered, the nation's military rulers announced.

There was no immediate indication of Lopez' whereabouts and rumors circulated that he may have left the country — possibly for Nicaragua.

An official government announcement of Lopez's ouster and his replacement by Col. Juan Alberto Melgar Castro

gave no reason for the shuffle.

A special investigation commission, however, had said earlier that Lopez refused to answer questions about reports of a \$1.25 million bribe from the giant United Brands banana company to Honduran officials in return for lower taxes.

There have been several reports that Lopez was one of the recipients of the bribe, an allegation he has steadfastly denied to newsmen.

The commission left by plane for Washington as the coup was announced.

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WOODWARD REVENUE UP BUT PROFIT DOWN

VANCOUVER (CP) — Woodward Stores Ltd. reported Monday that operating revenue for the year ended March 31 was 18 per cent higher than in the previous fiscal year but net earnings fell 1.13 per cent.

The department store said operating revenue was a record \$508,181,938 compared with the previous record \$431,456,779 in 1974.

Net earnings were \$10,246,128 or \$1.57 a share compared with \$10,362,776 or \$1.59 a share in 1974.

"Consumer demand for goods and services remained strong, particularly in Alberta," said C. N. W. Woodward, chairman and chief executive officer.

"Net earnings were adversely affected by the impact of inflationary pressures on salaries and all other operating expenses, the general slowdown in the economy of B.C.

which commenced in the latter part of last year and the 10 per cent federal income tax surcharge which was imposed effective May 1, 1974."

He announced that a half-yearly dividend of 45 cents a share has been declared payable April 30, equal to the amount paid at the same date last year.

During the year, the company opened three new outlets. The most significant was the new leased department store and food floor in the Edmonton Centre in which the company holds a 30 per cent interest.

Woodward said last year was difficult, particularly in the area of escalating operating costs.

"We expect the first six to eight months of 1975 will be equally as difficult combined with a moderation in consumer demand due to unstable economic conditions."

business

Pine Point Mines

Pine Point Mines Ltd. reports net profits of \$7.2 million or \$1.60 a share for the first three months of 1975, compared with \$8 million or \$1.78 a share for the same period last year.

J. H. Salfel, company president, said: "This year we are planning for a somewhat lower output of concentrate than in 1974 and there are some prospects of lower market demand and prices during the year."

"Although somewhat better price levels prevailed in the first quarter of 1975, these were more than offset by a decrease in volume of concentrate sales."

The company's rail agreement ends in 1976, and Salfel said it will be a key factor in any decision to undertake drag-line stripping or underground mining on a broad scale.

Block Bros. Ind.

Block Bros. Industries Ltd.'s profit for the year ended Jan. 31 was down \$1

million or 25 per cent, the Vancouver-based realtor and land developer has announced.

Profit was \$3.1 million or 48 cents a share compared with \$4.1 million or 65 cents the previous year. The lower profit was due to higher interest rates which led to higher costs and resulted in a soft real estate market, the company said in a news release.

Earnings for the first quarter of this year are better because interest rates have dropped and sales have risen sharply, Block Bros. said.

Motorola Inc.

Motorola Inc. reports that earnings for the first quarter of 1975 dropped 61 per cent from the same period last year, affected mainly by world-wide recession.

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Signal Companies

The Signal Companies, Inc. of California plans to purchase Universal Oil Products Co. of Des Plaines, Ill., spokesmen for both companies said in a joint statement Monday.

Signal will purchase 50.5 per cent of UOP's common

stock — 5.8 million shares — for \$121.8 million, the statement said.

The purchase includes a tender offer to UOP stockholders for 4.3 million shares of outstanding UOP common stock and buying 1.5 million shares of unissued common stock.

All shares will be bought for \$2 each, the statement said. The tender offer closes May 2.

Seabord Life

Seabord Life Insurance Co. reports earnings of 29 cents a share in 1974 compared to 15 cents in 1973. Gross revenue amounted to \$7.2 million compared to \$5.5 million, a gain of 29 per cent.

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Peter Paul Saunders, company president, told the annual meeting earnings were 15 cents a share for the 1975 quarter compared with 35 cents a year ago.

He said the company is in a strong financial position and the directors declared the regular 7½-cent quarterly dividend.

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Who's Beating Canucks? Dryden

Times News Services

Vancouver Canucks will be out to stave off elimination from their best-of-seven Stanley Cup quarter-finals when they meet Montreal Canadiens in tonight's fifth game of the series.

But if the Canucks, making their first appearance in National Hockey League playoff competition since joining the league in 1970, hope to force a sixth game in Vancouver Thursday, they will have to

overcome the man who has become the largest obstacle in their progress to date, lafky Ken Dryden.

Unfortunately for the Canucks, Dryden appears to have regained the goaltending form that won him the Conn Smythe Trophy as the top playoff performer when the Canadiens won the Stanley Cup in 1971. He had played only six games of the regular season, but was outstanding in the 20 playoff games that followed.

In the 12 periods of hockey

the two teams have played so far in the series, Dryden has allowed the Canucks only five goals. In the last six periods he has limited Vancouver marksmen to one goal.

Dryden, who absented himself from hockey last season while articling for a Toronto law firm, said earlier this season his return to top form was a somewhat slower process than he had anticipated.

Dryden's days of fretting over past mistakes are finished. The confidence and

cohesion of his earlier playoff triumphs appear all in place again.

Dryden's mastery was never more apparent than last Saturday night in Vancouver when the Canadians blanked the Canucks 4-0 to take a 3-1 lead in the series. This despite the fact the Vancouver squad came up with its best game of the series and outshot the Canadiens by a 37-24 margin.

Vancouver forward Dennis Ververgaert, who injured his knee in the opening game of

the series, was still limping badly Monday, coach Phil Maloney had hoped to get the 19-year-old rookie back in the lineup because of his ability to dig for the puck in the corners. But he remained a doubtful starter for tonight's game starting at 5 p.m. PST and televised on channels 2 and 6.

Two other quarter-finals could end tonight. Buffalo Sabres, leading 3-1, host Chicago Black Hawks while Pittsburgh Penguins, also ahead 3-1, are home to New York Islanders. A win tonight would give the Sabres their first-ever playoff victory.

Penguins, meanwhile, are heavily favored because of an imposing home-ice record. Their only defeat in their last 33 games was to Detroit Red Wings on Feb. 23.

"We started to win at home and never realized we had a streak going until somebody pointed it out to us," said Pittsburgh goalie Gary Inness. "We got the idea that nobody was going to beat us at home."

FLYERS EYEING LIFETIME PACTS

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Flyers are planning to offer unique lifetime contracts to two of their National League stars, goalie Bernie Parent and centre Bobby Clarke.

Owner Ed Snider said Monday no contract terms have been completed but that "it would be a lifetime payout of a contract over a certain number of years."

"It would be a precedent as far as our club is concerned," Snider said. "Most of our players would be eligible for a similar contract at a certain point."

The Flyers, behind Parent's brilliant goaltending and Clarke's leadership, won the Stanley Cup last year and have advanced to the semi-finals this season.

Snider termed as pure speculation a published report the deal will provide the 30-year-old Parent with \$40,000 a year for the rest of his life if he plays at least six more years.

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DOUG PEDEN - EDITOR

Binkley Fills Toros' Breach But Gap Shows

By The Canadian Press

Les Binkley's 24th season as a hockey mercenary came to a surprising finish Monday night.

The 40-year-old native of Owen Sound, Ont., who hadn't played much this year, found himself the man on the spot for Toronto Toros as what turned out to be the deciding game of their World Hockey Association playoff series.

Binkley looked shaky at first but settled down to make 34 saves.

Chicago Cougars, meanwhile, won a two-week reprieve from the World Hockey Association, but the U.S. Internal Revenue Service was not as kind.

The IRS slapped a lien against the team Monday for \$186,770 in back taxes, tying up the club's assets, if any, until the tax collector is paid.

	W	L	F	A	Pts
Cleveland	1	4	14	24	2
Quebec	1	4	12	23	2
Phoenix	2	2	17	8	
Minneapolis	2	2	17	8	
New England	2	2	17	8	
Toronto	4	2	27	29	4

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Norm Ferguson (6th), Garry Larson (7th), Andre Lacroix (3rd), Kevin Drost (4th), Ray Adusko (1st), DENTON (4th), Lou Lovaglio (5th), Wayne Dillon (4th), Tony Featherstone (2nd), Jim Dorey (2nd). Attendance: 8820.

Tennis Leaders Trim Beacon Hill

Racquet Club extended its lead in the men's "A" division of the Vancouver Island Tennis League at the weekend by defeating winless Beacon Hill, 5-2.

In the lone women's "A" division encounter, Oak Bay edged Cowichan and Oak Bay played to a 4-4 deadlock.

Racquet Club topped Langford 6-2, Beacon Hill downed Cowichan 7-1, Langford de-

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Hockey: Trying to Beat Habs Bucking the Odds

"It's just like barking against thunder," coach Phil Maloney of the Vancouver Canucks was saying about trying to beat the Montreal Canadiens. "You go your best, you can't go any better, and you can't win."

This was a between-games statement on the weekend the Montreal Canadiens winning both, 4-1 and 4-0, to take three games to one lead in the quarter-final Stanley Cup series with the fifth-and possibly deciding game in Montreal tonight.

"What we need are three or four big guys who can hit, and slow them up," he added. "They just keep coming and coming and coming, and if we can't skate with them then we've got to slow them down to our speed."

Speed and fresh troops was the pattern that Montreal coach Scotty Bowman used in the Thursday game. Or as scout George Agar of California Golden Seals noted: "They don't stay out there long, but they all work like beavers when they're on the ice."

That was the game in which Montreal stole Vancouver's game plan, dump the puck in, follow and play it in their end. It worked and it was the Canucks who were forced into errors and eventually wilted.

Saturday it was a different matter. The Canucks out-played the Canadiens, perhaps should have won, but couldn't beat goalkeeper Ken Dryden.

"That was no 4-0 hockey game," Bowman said afterwards. "Dryden saved it for us." As it was, the first two Montreal goals came against the run of the play, but that was all The Habs needed the way Dryden was going.

Maloney's comment: "We couldn't have played any better as a team."

Dryden, The Big Psyche

Bowman also said that it was just before the all-star game that the big goalkeeper, who sat out last year, really started to play like the Ken Dryden of old.

"He psyches us all up," Bowman said. "Particularly on the road. Tonight he was the difference because they (the Canucks) had several good chances. They're a good team. We feel that every game gets a little tougher once you're in the playoffs. Gary Smith has been keeping Vancouver close and I know, it's tough. Once you get behind, it's tough coming back. We've been trying to play more of a defensive game here, not dirty, it's not a dirty series, and I think both teams are trying to stick to hockey."

Actually if Smith has been playing reasonably well for the Canucks, it's a wonder, because he's not at his best physically and it was doubtful when the club left for Montreal that he would get the starting assignment tonight. Smith, who pulled a groin muscle about three weeks before the end of the regular season, aggravated the injury in the first period Saturday but continued in the game. If the troubled area does not respond to treatment it is likely that Ken Lockett will get the nod tonight. Besides, the Canucks took along Bruce Bullock, who spent the season in Seattle, as a spare goalkeeper; and that's the first time he's been listed on the team.

Bowman Tried It First

In another series aside, Bowman was saying that he could well understand the frustrations the Canucks were having in trying to beat Montreal, because when he was with St. Louis Blues in that other expansion era, he had exactly the same problem. He would try everything to win but with no success until one night they laid it on Montreal 5-0. Before that there had been a period of 17 losses and four ties.

The Canucks, of course, found it even tougher than St. Louis. Their efforts weren't rewarded with the victory until after 27 league and one playoff game.

Bowman also gave Canuck fans a false lift when he put it another way. He said that this year Montreal won 47 games, and Vancouver 38. Montreal beat Vancouver four times. Now if Vancouver had beaten Montreal four times, the result would have shown that Montreal would have only 43 wins and Vancouver 42. That would make Vancouver as good as everyone else in the league, he explained.

Sounds great, doesn't it, but it doesn't mean a thing. Because the simple truth is that Vancouver is about four players short of being the equal of the Habs, and don't bet that Maloney doesn't go after at least a couple of thumpers in the trading season, if only to slow the Habs down. Besides, many times in the two games the smaller Canucks were simply being pushed off the puck.

Which is what Maloney implied in the first place.

"It's like barking against thunder."

Colonels Lead Final After Closing Surge

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Louise Dampier scored 27 points Monday night to help pull Kentucky Colonels past the Spirits of St. Louis 112-109 in the first game of their American Basketball Association East Division final.

Dampier's field goal with 11 seconds left put the Colonels and Mary Roberts added two from the free throw line to keep the game open.

St. Louis was led by Freddie Lewis, who collected 35 points.

Kentucky trailed during the first two periods as they were out-hustled and out-rebounded by the Spirits in the opening of the best-of-seven series.

With 1:08 left in the game, Steve Jones scored on a free throw to put St. Louis ahead 109-108.

Kentucky called time out, and when play resumed Roberts intercepted a St. Louis pass and quickly tossed the ball to Dampier, who hit on his crucial shot.

Dale Leads Golf Contest

Dale Shaw captured lowgross honors by carding an 82 Monday in the bi-weekly Harris and Erickson Trophy competition for women at Gorge Vale Golf Club.

Doreen Brownston of Gorge Vale won Handicap laurels with a net 75 and clubmate Eileen Anderson was runner-up with 78.

The competition for players with handicaps of 15 or under attracted 22 entries.

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Sea of humanity floods road as 2,400 runners start Boston Marathon

Howard Fourth in Boston

By The Associated Press

BOSTON — Will Rodgers shattered the Boston Marathon record, Monday, and Tom Howard finished fourth in a field of 2,400 and Bob Hall broke the three-hour barrier but it

didn't count. He did it in a wheelchair.

Despite stopping three times to accept drinks of water—and once to tie the lace on his right shoe—the 27-year-old Boston College graduate ran one of the fastest marathons in history,

covering the 26 miles, 385 yards from Hopkinton to Boston in two hours, nine minutes and 55 seconds.

That broke the 1970 record of 2:10:30 set by England's Ron Hill in rain and cold.

Former Canadian champion Jerome Drayton, third in 1974, tried to keep up with Rodgers but faded and finally gave up the chase with two miles to go. Steve Hoag, 28, of Minneapolis took second with a late sprint, finishing in 2:11:54, 11 seconds ahead of Tom Fleming of Bloomfield, N.J.

Tom Howard, the current Canadian champion from Vancouver, was fourth in 2:13:23 with Hill right behind. Hill, 36, was not a contender after the early stages of the race.

Andy Boychuk of Sarnia, Ont., was 10th in 2:16:13.

Names of only the top 100 finishers in the field of 2,400 were made available and the fate of many Canadians entered was not known.

Germany's Liane Winter easily won the women's race within a race in 2:42:24.

Kathy Swider of New York was runner-up in the women's field of 50.

Charles Charming

OTTAWA (CP) — A beaming and informal Prince of Wales left happy and applauding crowds in his wake Monday as he sped through a tightly-scheduled first day of his 11-day visit to Canada.

Prince Charles, tanned, slim and athletic, captivated young and old alike with smiles, chats and waves to the crowd as he swept, unflustered, through a hectic schedule.

Today, the 26-year-old prince is to meet the justices of the Supreme Court of Canada, tour the Parliament Buildings, lunch with Prime Minister and Mrs. Trudeau, tour the National Museum of Man and finish the day with a dinner and ball at Government House.

Monday, the heir to the throne began the day with a morning visit to a maple sugar bush operated by the federal government's National Capital Commission (NCC) in Quebec just north of the capital.

Several groups of children were on hand when the prince arrived by helicopter and although most seemed more entranced by the sticky maple candy than by the prince, he chatted briefly in English and French with those as he toured the site.

After sampling the maple sap, Prince Charles observed "it would mix nicely with vodka."

His next stop was apparently a treat for the prince, a naval officer and accomplished pilot, as he strolled through the national aeronautical collection, an exhibit of vintage civil and military aircraft dating from the First World War.

15-Year-Old Violinist Winner

Winner in the strings category of the 1974-75 CBC Talent Festival was Gwen Hoebig, the 15-year-old violinist who resides in North Vancouver but is studying at Victoria Conservatory of Music with Harry Cawood.

Playing before a distinguished panel of judges and a capacity audience in Montreal's Salle Claude Chambord, Miss Hoebig was awarded the \$3,000 first prize in the contest open to artists between 15 and 30.

Second place winner, 28-year-old violinist Cenek Vrba of Toronto, received \$1,500.

Contestants are required to play a concerto and also a recital program. Miss Hoebig was accompanied by Robin Wood in the latter event.

The final concert will be broadcast by CBC-FM radio on Themes and Variations on Wednesday at 8:05 p.m.

Australia Tour

LONDON (AP) — Princess Anne and her husband, Capt. Mark Phillips, left London by jumbo jet Monday night for a two-week tour of Australia, including participation in several equestrian events.

Mideast, East, West Gear for Peace Talks

The Associated Press

High-ranking political leaders are meeting in Washington, Moscow and the Middle East amid gathering momentum for the renewal of peace negotiations in Geneva between Israel and her Arab adversaries.

U.S. State Secretary Henry Kissinger conferred for three hours Monday with Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon in Washington, their first meeting since Kissinger's peace shuttle between Egypt and Israel collapsed last month.

"We have decided that each side should study how to revive the political momentum in the Middle East," Kissinger said afterward. Allon agreed.

In Riyadh, the Saudi Arabian capital, King Khalid was host to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and President Hafez Assad of Syria for talks to unify Arab policy for Geneva, said reports from Cairo.

Relations between Saudi Arabia and Hafez were strained by the Egyptian leader's attempt

to negotiate an agreement for an Israeli withdrawal in the Sinai desert that did not include a simultaneous withdrawal on the Syrian front. Their meeting was considered a signal of determination to work together again.

Palestinian sources said the meeting also would be attended by Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

The Iranian news agency said Sadat was expected Wednesday in Teheran for talks with Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlevi.

Tass reported that Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy left Moscow for Cairo after a three-day visit to discuss the Middle East situation and the reconvening of the Geneva conference. The Soviet news agency said Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam would arrive in the Soviet capital Wednesday.

President Ford said in a television interview with CBS Monday night that he and Kissinger have "made no firm decision as to what our next particular move will be" in the Middle East.



PRINCELY TASTE of maple sugar taffy is taken by Charles on the first day of a three-day tour of the national capital area.

CIA Necessary—Ford

FORD RUNNING

WASHINGTON (WP) — President Ford indicated Monday night that he intends to enter the New Hampshire presidential primary next March and to campaign in other primaries in his effort to win nomination for a full term.

In an hour-long televised interview with three CBS News correspondents, Ford also gave ringing endorsements to three controversial Republicans: Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller, Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and former Secretary of the Treasury John Connally, acquitted last week on charges of accepting a bribe from milk producers.

"I can't imagine the United States saying we would not undertake any covert activities, knowing at the same time that friends as well as foes are undertaking covert activity not only in the United States but elsewhere," Ford told his CBS television interviewers.

"That would be like tying a president's hands behind his back in the planning and execution of foreign policy," he said.

"Now, we cannot compete in this very real world if you are just going to tie the United States with one hand behind its back and everybody else has got two good hands to carry out their operations."

The president would not say whether he was talking only about intelligence gathering or also about CIA "dirty tricks" to undermine a foreign government.

In one much publicized case of the latter, the CIA offered clandestine support to press factions in Chile opposing the government of Marxist Salvador Allende, and also persuaded multinational corporations to pull their money out of Chile's banking system.

Ford would only say what he had in mind "covers a wide range of activities."

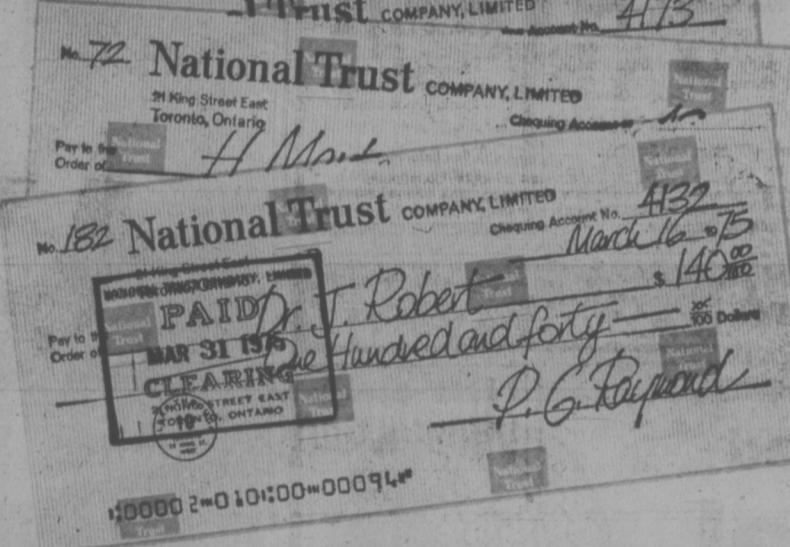
"A good intelligence covert activity you don't go around talking about," he said.

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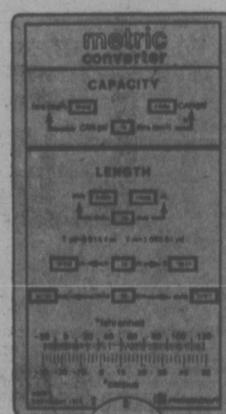
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Manor Rezoning Stalled

Oak Bay council discussed a proposed rezoning of Oak Bay Manor, 2251 Cadboro Bay Road, behind closed doors Monday night but Mayor Brian Smith said later no decisions were made.

"We discussed some of the concerns of the residents of the manor," he said.

The manor wants to extend personal care to all 432 beds from the 90 beds which council granted in a rezoning last month. It also has sought adding the dining, lounge and recreation areas to the 90-bed rezoning because any manor resident has the right to use these facilities.

Personal care is the first level of care after self-sufficiency and involves assistance being provided for people with bathing, dressing and diet, medications which are normally self-administered.

Attorney-General Alex Macdonald will be asked to give Saanich the authority to allow police to kill vicious dogs.

Aldermen agreed Monday the section of the Domestic Animals Protection Act which gives such authority in unorganized territories should be made applicable to Saanich.

This would mean policemen would be allowed to kill dogs running at large and seen attacking or "viciously pursuing a person or domestic animal."

At the moment, only dogcatchers can impound dogs in Saanich.

Assistant municipal solicitor William McIntosh told council

a policeman could only kill a dog if the animal is caught in a dog."

Council is also considering what compensation, if any, should be made to persons for damage or loss incurred through vicious dogs. This matter will be studied by the legislative committee.

The council endorsed recommendations by municipal administrator and police chief R. A. Petersen that Douglas Safford of 998 Lucan be given a contract to impound large animals on his property.

They also agreed to Sanford's terms made in his application for the job — \$50 monthly retainer, plus \$10 for

the first animal and \$5 for each additional animal that he impounds or transports. The boarding fee will be \$3 per animal per day.

Severson asked if the job had been put to tender.

Mayor Ed Lum said it hadn't because of the need for quick action. The person who formerly had the contract has died.

In other business Lum said, savings made in the strike-lockout period will not mean any reduction in taxes this year.

He said any savings would be far outweighed by additional expenses during the remainder of the year.

Grant to Visitor Centre

The Greater Victoria Visitor Information Centre sought and received a grant of \$2,300 from Oak Bay council Monday night.

Only opposition came from Ald. Doug McLellan who

ECONOMIC MEETING

The ninth annual Pacific Northwest Regional Economic Conference will be held in Spokane, Wash., Thursday to Saturday.

Many of the region's top economists will speak on a variety of topics concerning economic conditions and prospects in the area. One of the featured speakers is Douglas Peters, vice-president and chief economist for the Toronto-Dominion Bank.

The conference is an annual international meeting of those interested in the economy of British Columbia, Alberta, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Headquarters Funds Sought

NORTH COWICHAN — A ratepayers group has asked North Cowichan council to provide better RCMP quarters.

The North Cowichan South-end Ratepayers, in a letter, has asked that a money by-law be presented to voters in the November election to provide funds for the construction of new headquarters.

The RCMP's present building, described by Staff-Sergeant William Gilchrist as "cramped and deplorable," serves both Duncan and North Cowichan.



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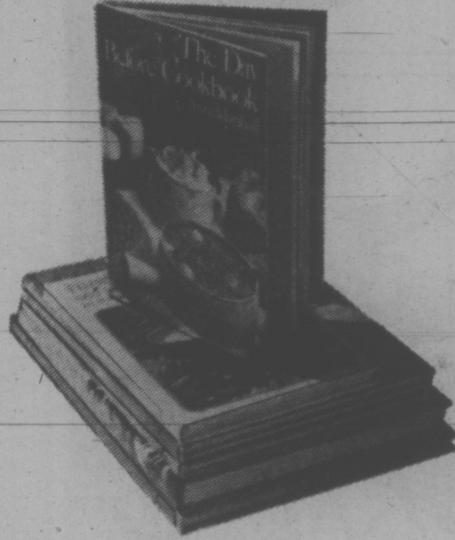
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Big Air Canada Probe Rejected

OTTAWA (CP) — Conservative attempts to gain an inquiry into a wide range of Air Canada activities were rejected by Transport Minister Marchand on Monday.

He told the Commons that an inquiry into the \$100,000 payment by the airline to a Montreal travel agent "will be a particular inquiry into something abnormal."

"I don't think we should mix everything up," he told Alvin Hamilton and Elmer MacKay.

MacKay, who last week made the \$100,000 payment, said that inquiry also should deal with labor relations, accounting procedures and "the prerogatives of upper management" at the airline.

"If the honorable member wants an inquiry into all of the Air Canada organization, I don't think that would be in the public interest," Marchand replied. Form of the inquiry into the payment to travel agent R. Y. McGregor should be known today after the cabinet considers the alternatives.

Hamilton said the former auditor-general, Maxwell Henderson, made statements about the airline's financial management during a Sunday night television show and these should be considered for inclusion in the inquiry.

Marchand said the Commons, through its transport committee, will have ample opportunity to investigate Air Canada's operations — and to

Viscounts Rotting, MP Says

OTTAWA (FP) — Air Canada has been unable to sell its fleet of Viscounts and they remain in dead storage at Winnipeg's International Airport, the commons was informed Monday.

A year ago it was reported that the government-owned airline had sold its 24 Vickers Viscount aircraft to two Montreal firms which planned selling them on the world market.

The reported purchasers were United Aviation Services Ltd. and Beaver Enterprises Ltd.

But in response to questions by Dan McKenzie (PC — Winnipeg South Centre), Transport Minister Jean Marchand said the sale had fallen through.

The contract with United Aviation and Beaver Enterprises terminated on March 31, 1975. The contract terms could not be met by the two firms.

Since then the disposition of the 24 Viscounts has been under active consideration by Air Canada.

One Viscount has been sold for one dollar to the National Research Council.

Title to each of the Viscounts in storage at Winnipeg rests with Air Canada, McKenzie was informed.

Marchand also said there are no rules governing sale of used aircraft to individuals or groups of individuals.

The minister added that no individual or group had submitted any economically viable offer to date to Air Canada.

Mckenzie said outside the house that the 24 Viscounts "are sitting at Winnipeg's airport slowly 'rotting'." He claimed they had been completely overhauled by CAE at Winnipeg but he had been unable to put out of the government or Air Canada a cost figure on the expense involved in overhauling the aged aircraft.

He had been given figures ranging from \$200,000 to \$600,000 per Viscount for their overhaul.

"They won't tell me what the cost was for overhauling them," said the MP.

FBI 'SPY' WAS HERE

OTTAWA (CP) — An FBI informant was in Canada without official permission last November after a group of Indians had clashed with RCMP on Parliament Hill, Solicitor-General Warren Allmand confirmed Monday.

Allmand said in the Commons that the informant, Douglas Durham, came without the knowledge of the RCMP or the FBI.

Durham, 37, of Des Moines, Iowa, said in Chicago last month that he was in Ottawa with American Indian Movement (AIM) leaders. They were invited by the Native Peoples' Caravan to boost Canadian Indians' morale after the Parliament Hill clash.

SIU REPORT STAYS UNDER GOV'T WRAPS

OTTAWA (FP) — The federal government refused Monday to make public an RCMP report into allegations of wrongdoing by MPs or cabinet ministers connected with SIU activities.

The report, Solicitor-General Warren Allmand told the Commons, found that the allegations made in the Ontario legislature were false.

He told Pat Nowlan that it would be unfair to make the report public because the people named in it had been absolved of any illegalities.

"Many people made allegations by innuendo," he said. "The investigation did not uncover 'any that involved criminality.'

Both he and Labor Minister John Munro have admitted receiving donations from the SIU before the July 8 election last year, although Munro has said he returned his donation after voting day.

\$5 Million 'Spent On Whim'

OTTAWA (CP) — Ottawa spent more than \$5 million on the whim of a federal cabinet minister fighting to get re-elected, Tory Ron Huntington claimed Monday.

Huntington was referring to the Pacific Environment Centre, on which work has been stopped since he defeated former Environment Minister Jack Davis last year.

The centre was to have brought together federal fisheries, meteorological, oceanographical, environmental and forestry offices on a site at First Narrows near downtown Vancouver.

Huntington said the fisheries offices should be near the fishermen, not in downtown Vancouver.

No Troop Recall To Police Games

Times News Service

OTTAWA — Canadian peacekeeping soldiers will not have to be brought home from abroad to help with security for the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, Defence Minister James Richardson told the Commons Monday.

There had been reports that as many as 1,600 troops will be used in Montreal and that Canadian peacekeeping forces in Cyprus and the Middle East will be reduced.

"The information is not correct," Richardson said.

Meanwhile, if terrorism hits the 1976 Olympic Games, Montreal security forces will not make the errors that led to 14 deaths at the Munich Games three years ago, the security head of the Olympic Organizing Committee said Monday in Montreal.

"In Munich mistakes were made," Guy Toupin told a committee briefing. "The German police admitted this. But we're trying not to make the same mistakes."

Toupin said that in the event of a terrorist act at the Games, his department will follow the recommendations of a German police report issued after the 1972 Olympics.



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Ranchers Reject Refinery

MERRITT (CP) Ranchers in the Nicola Valley near here voted Monday against location here of the B.C. government's proposed 100,000-barrel-a-day oil refinery. Ross Turnbull, treasurer of the Nicola Stock Breeders Association, said its 60 members were unanimous in deciding to ask the government to put all ranchland in the area under the agriculture land reserve.

COQUITLAM (CP) — Municipal Affairs Minister Jim Lorimer said he has asked Associate Deputy Minister Chris Woodward to initiate an investigation into the allegation that two Coquitlam aldermen misused district funds. Aldermen Jack Gilmore and Len Bewley were accused by Ald. Charles Filiastraut March 17 of accepting a \$60-a-day reimbursement from the municipality for loss of wages while out of town on municipal business when, in fact, they had not lost wages.

VERNON (CP) — Berk Shaw, chairman of the Automotive Retailers Association, told city council Monday motorists will pay more for gasoline than they now do if self-service stations force full-service stations out of business. He said the price of gasoline at self-service stations would increase if all full-service stations were to go out of business.

VANCOUVER (CP) — Laurie Purchess, 18, of Vancouver, has become the first

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woman in the city to get a job through the painter's union.

Said Monday she became a clerk-typist after leaving high school in Victoria, but "wasn't enjoying the whole situation."

She said she thought of painting, because "for a predominantly male job it doesn't involve any heavy labor."

She has been hired for a three-year apprenticeship and "I'm determined to finish it."

And already she's making about \$100 a month more than she did in the office.

VERNON (CP) — A spokesman for the Indian affairs department said Monday several Indian chiefs have asked for an investigation of a demonstration which left the local Indian affairs office in a shambles last week.

QUESNEL (CP) — Some Cariboo ranchers will go bankrupt because of a shortage of hay unless the provincial government provides financial help, Alex Fraser said Monday.

The Social Credit MLA for Cariboo said in an interview some hay is available but the price is high — up to \$100 a ton. Many cattle producers have exhausted their credit.

Fraser said the only way to alleviate the shortage is to bring in feed from elsewhere, but transportation costs have risen to \$40 a ton.

Called on the provincial government to institute a

court was sentenced Monday to eight years in jail for rape and indecent assault.

He was sentenced to five years for raping a city hall employee in a city hall washroom Sept. 30, two years for indecent assault on the wife of a city hall employee in an underground parking area at city hall Sept. 11, and one year for possession of a dangerous weapon, a pocket knife. The sentences will be served consecutively.

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VANCOUVER (CP) — Michael John Curle, 19, of Van-

Gov't Buys Okanagan Island

The provincial government has purchased the 4.5-acre Rattlesnake Island on the east side of Okanagan Lake, Recreation Minister Jack Radford has announced. He said the island, known locally as Ogo-pogo Island, was bought for \$40,000 from Eddie Haymour of Kelowna.

CN DEFENDS SAFETY IN GRENADE THEFT

VANCOUVER (CP) — Canadian Transport Commission regulations were obeyed by Canadian National Railways when 10 hand grenades were stolen Thursday from a CN boxcar on a siding at Chilliwack, a CN spokesman said Monday.

The official was replying to Staff Sergeant R. V. Alcock of the Chilliwack RCMP who said it was disgraceful that the car was not

padlocked to prevent theft of the deadly grenades.

Police found grenades near an elementary school on two separate occasions, Friday after anonymous telephone calls.

After a third call, all of which were believed to have come from the same youth, the remaining eight grenades were found in a sandbox at the elementary school.

"It could have been a real tragedy," said RCMP Sergeant Frank Scotti.

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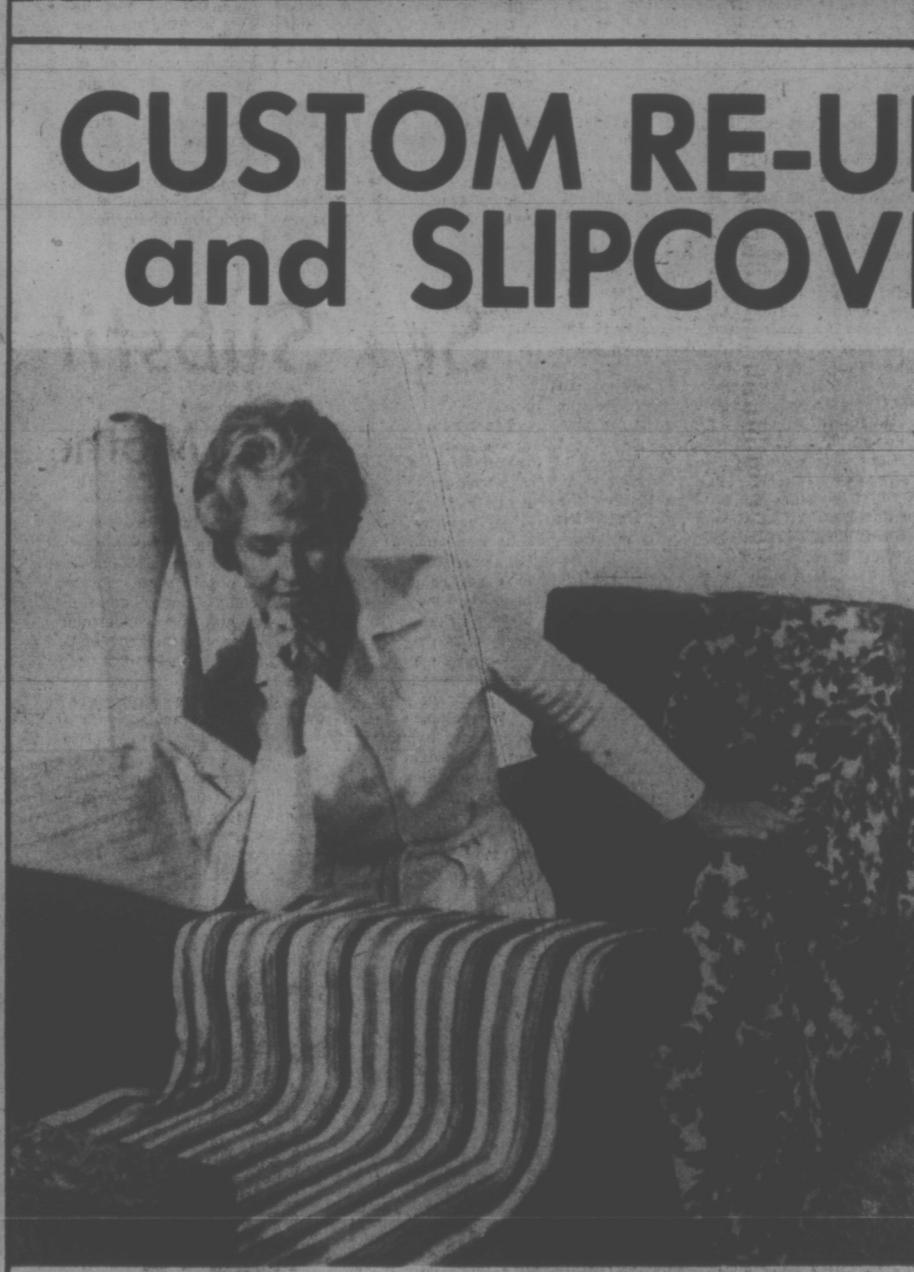
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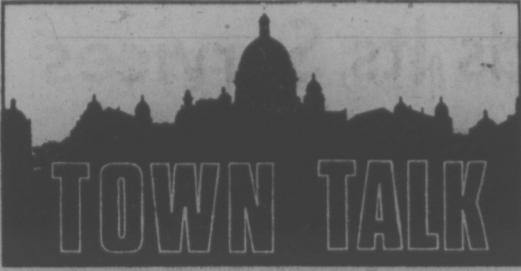
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In the spring in Victoria, it seems, a middle-aged man's fancy turns not so lightly to thoughts of jogging.

Red of face, often ample of frame, these earnest fellows can be seen at almost any hour of the day or night, pounding the footpaths and lawns of Beacon Hill Park on their self-imposed circuits of suffering.

Little old ladies feeding the ducks shy back in alarm, dogs bark and occasionally give merry chase, rude young ruffians point and jeer.

But nothing deters the keep-fit fraternity from clocking their masochistic mileage.

Some travel in small sociable groups, maintaining a kind of monosyllabic gasping conversation. Others, the loners, prefer to endure their agony in solitude.

Their labored breathing conjures up visions of The Godfather's grotto victims. Their limbs may be leaden, their antiperspirant taxed to absurd limits.

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Well, isn't it?

When Mayor Peter Pollen returned from a vacation in Hawaii last month there was no one to meet him at the airport. He took a taxi home.

When Victoria police chief Jack Gregory returned home from his vacation in Hawaii last month there was a police cruiser waiting for him to bring him to the city. The officer snapped a salute and then held the door of the car open as the chief climbed in.

It's nice to have friends.

Blanche Parker hates television commercials and this month she decided to do something about them.

Mrs. Parker, 93, of 1527 Cedar Hill Crossroad, started collecting names on a petition for Publicair, the newly-formed group working to get Channel 10 reserved for public and educational programming.

"I care very much for Channel 10," said Mrs. Parker.

"It's the only station left where we might be able to have an educational broadcast with documentaries and art programs."

The trouble with commercial stations is they have commercials every two minutes and by the time the commercial's over you forget what it was you were watching, she said.

"I'm a very old lady ... I feel in the little time I have left I still want to do something for my community."

Mrs. Parker contacted Publicair and in a few days, with a little help from her friends because she can't walk much any more, she filled her petition with signatures.

The work of Mrs. Parker and citizens like her has enabled Publicair to gather more than 3,000 signatures supporting its Channel 10 stand in only two weeks.

Chairman Charles Barber has gathered a list of sponsors in the same short time that includes prominent Victorians from all fields.

"I felt very happy to have helped," said Mrs. Parker. "We have too much filth on television, too much shooting and too much pollution in every way."

The B.C. Wildlife Federation gives Sealand of the Pacific president Bob Wright a bad time about the capture of killer whales on one hand, then turns around and asks him for a favor on the other.

The federation has also written Wright asking that wives of delegates attending the annual meeting of the Canadian Wildlife Federation in Nanaimo April 27-29 be given a tour of Sealand to meet the star of the show, the killer whale Haida.

Wright says he's glad to oblige and the tour will be on the house.

After a brief respite from an exhausting round of centennials — it's been at least a year without one, hasn't it? — another looms on the horizon: the 1976 centennial celebrations of Victoria High School, oldest high school west of the Great Lakes.

And the success of this shindig seems assured, for the Victoria High graduate in charge of the centennial committee is none other than Mr. Centennial himself — Deputy Provincial Secretary Lawrie Wallace.

He was the top organizer for the larger-scale celebrations of centennials in:

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1966-67, joint celebrations marking the 1866 union of the colonies of Vancouver Island and the B.C. mainland, and the first 100 years of Canadian confederation;

And 1971, centenary of B.C.'s entry into confederation.

Maybe it was the name and this formidable reputation which helped Wallace pull off a minor coup last week, when Victoria's finance committee swiftly approved his request for two nights' free use of the Memorial Arena.

That's the locale for the school's major celebrations and reunion May 7 and 8, 1976.

Although he was demoted along with such notables as St. Christopher by the Roman Catholic Church, St. George, patron saint of England, has at least one champion in Victoria.

She called Town Talk this week to remind us, Wednesday is his feast day. Here from Britain since 1927, she asked to remain anonymous. "I just wanted to make sure St. George had his day," she said. "After all, they throw St. Patrick down our throats."

Being championed by a lady seems a fair exchange for the saint whose figure has become synonymous with knighthood and the avenging of fair damsels in distress.

If you are confused about Celsius, Arthur Dutton of 1030 Pendergast has the answer.

Dutton, a 77-year-old retired bank official and mathematics hobbyist, has developed an instantaneous converter.

It's a simple device comprising two circles of cardboard, one six inches in diameter, the other eight inches, tacked together in the centre. Draw a straight line through the centre of the smaller circle. At one end mark off zero degrees Celsius; at the other 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Then rotate the smaller disc.

For every five degrees Celsius marked off at one end check off nine degrees Fahrenheit at the other. You'll be able to baffle your friends with your ability to convert the temperature scales backwards and forwards at the flick of a finger.

Dutton said the idea struck him early in March. It took a number of trials and errors but with a sturdy set of compasses and determination came up with the final product last week.

Norman Horton retired to Victoria in 1962 after an active work life in the financial and industrial circles of Toronto and Montreal.

Since then he has been president of the Air Force Officers' Association, a vice-president of the Men's Canadian Club, a director of the Royal United Services Institute and of the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce.

He also founded the Retired Executives Bureau, an agency which makes available a lot of expertise in the public service.

Horton practises what he preaches. At 78, he has now joined the board of Royal Jubilee Hospital.

INFORMATION NEEDED ON HARBOR

Lorimer Baffling City-Curtis

By KIT COLLINS
Times Staff

Municipal Affairs Minister Jim Lorimer is baffling officials in Victoria's capital region by keeping them in the dark about waterfront development plans, a Soored MLA charged Monday.

Hugh Curtis of Saanich and the Islands accused Lorimer of defaulting on his responsibility to inform municipal officials of government intentions.

"The minister is failing local governments by not insisting that consultation between a wealth of government

bodies — the federal government, the provincial departments of lands and forests, housing and public works — take place.

"There are five agencies actively pursuing their own plans in the Capital Regional District," said Curtis, "each going their own sweet way."

He suggested a full-scale conference between municipal and senior government officials with representation from the Union of B.C. Municipalities to discuss allocation of funds and other local government concerns.

The criticism came during

debate of Lorimer's \$100.4 million department spending estimates.

Lorimer said "active discussion" on future development of the controversial Reid property on Victoria's Inner Harbor has been going on for some time and civic officials have been assured they will have input at the planning stages.

"I'll be the first to admit consultation is not what it might have been, but I don't agree with all the criticism," said Lorimer.

"In general terms I suggest we have attempted consulta-

tion in cases like the administrative takeover of the provincial court system and financing."

Although congratulating Lorimer for keeping his department expenditure increase down, Liberal Leader David Anderson said more funds should be spent on rapid transit systems.

"The minister has been engagingly frank in concerns about urban transport," said Anderson, but it should be given higher priority.

Lorimer agreed the area was possibly the greatest in need of action.

He said he favors light rail transit systems, despite substantial costs for initial stages. Operating costs are cheaper than buses, he said.

"Districts are not sold on light rail, to put it mildly, if we would be using city streets," said Lorimer.

"Before we go 100 per cent for light rail there are other questions to be answered. It has to be done but it can only be done piece by piece. It's not feasible to do the whole thing at one time, and with the present budget we're certainly unable to look at that."



FIRE WHICH BROKE OUT in garbage behind the Legislative Buildings in the 500-block Superior Monday was brought quickly under control by Victoria firemen. Refuse has been allowed to accumulate

during the municipal employees strike-lockout that began Jan. 27. A juvenile boy is suspected of setting the fire which was spotted at 4:12 p.m. (Bill Halkett photo)

Houseboat Can Stay Mot Rules

Houseboaters at Esquimalt's West Bay Marina won't have to east off their mooring lines, says the federal transport ministry.

The 20 marina residents, criticized by aldermen and local residents, have as much right to stay as power boats and dinghies, the MoT says in a letter to houseboater Jean Stewart.

The federal department was consulted after aldermen complained they could not float the floating homes.

Investigation by regional officials of this ministry has indicated operators of the West Bay Marina are living up to the terms of the agreement contained in the lease," said the letter from transport special assistant John Fairchild.

"The department can therefore find no violation upon which an exclusion of any type of vessel from the facilities could be based," it said.

Marina owner John Melnyk was not surprised and said he has no trouble with the houseboaters and will allow them to stay in February, down from 153 a year earlier.

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Home Building Sags As Dispute Drags On

Housing starts in the Victoria area are down 33 per cent from the same time last year as the civic strike-lockout continues to take its toll.

No building permits have been issued in the core municipalities since January. Any construction since that time has been based on permits issued in January or work authorized under the National Housing Act.

Starts in March totalled 145, down more than 50 per cent from 310 in March a year ago.

Total starts in the first three months reached 440, down 33 per cent from 659 a year earlier.

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Mother Angered

"If such an invasion of parental rights occurs again, I will leave no stone unturned to oppose these courses, especially if our religious or moral rights are undermined or openly attacked under the guise of new ideas in education."

Mrs. Newberry came to the meeting armed with several pamphlets on American sex education programs, an American book entitled *Raping Our Children: The Sex Education Scandal*, and a copy of the B.C. Catholic, which had a story about Richmond parents opposing a con-

ventional sex education program.

Trustee Peter Bunn came to defend the defense of the family life program.

"I think that you do an unkind and I'm sure unintentional injustice to what is probably the most well thought out and the most moderate family life education program in Canada," Bunn said.

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dear abby

Anything But John

DEAR ABBY: After three generations of Johns, my son prefers a nickname. Anything but "John."

He was named John for his father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Also after Saint John. Not a toilet!

Abby, how did that ridiculous dad ever get started? It has become such an accepted part of our language now that even visiting friends have asked: "May I use your John?" I reply: "Of course not!"

What is wrong with using "restroom, bathroom, or lavatory"? Please, anything but John. — WIFE AND MOTHER OF A JOHN.

DEAR WIFE: My consultant on words, Ted Bernstein, informs me that since the earliest times, there have been countless synonyms for "toilet" because people were reluctant to use that word. He suspects that "John" came from the word "jakes," an old English word which means privy. Jakes is a far cry from John, however. Perhaps someone from Flushing has the answer.

DEAR ABBY: I can't believe it. Here I am, a 78-year-old woman, writing to Dear Abby! At age 32, I was married by a Presbyterian minister.

Before we were married, my fiance and I discussed our true feelings for each other. We admitted we weren't wildly in love, but we felt that we could be good companions, work together in a compatible way, and have a good life together. And it turned out that way.

After I was 40, I gave birth

to two sons. We were very successful in our farming project, accumulated acreage, and became financially well off.

Now, my oldest son's wife tells me that because I married without being in love, I lived the life of a prostitute. She keeps throwing it up to my son that his mother was a "prostitute."

Abby, my husband and I lived together in peace and harmony for 30 years, and we would be together today if death took him from me. Meanwhile this is daughter-in-law who calls me a prostitute has a very stormy marriage, and if that's the result of a

"love match" I will take my kind of marriage any day.

Would you say that a woman who married without being passionately in love led the life of a prostitute? — NEEDS BACKING UP.

DEAR NEEDS: Certainly not! Your reasons for marrying were nobody's business but your own. Too bad you didn't keep it that way.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, we had a gathering of friends and family in our home. One of the guests removed his shoes and stockings and proceeded to put his foot up on the coffee table on which I had chips, dips and food for nibbling. (He said his feet itched).

My husband and I were both upset, but neither of us said anything because we felt it would have been poor manners to correct a guest in our home.

We felt that his wife should have quietly said something to him, but since she didn't, we let it go.

Later, another guest told us that we were wrong to have ignored such gross behavior. How do you vote? — HOSTESS.

DEAR HOSTESS: With you. Don't invite him back.

Free for the Asking

By HARRIET HART

With beef prices as high as they are, more and more Canadians are buying beef in quantity for storage in their home freezers.

The advantages of such a purchase are explained in a 4-page folder "Buying Beef For The Freezer." One of the good points is that the meat can be cut to fit the needs of your family. It is you who decides how thick the steaks are to be, the size of your roasts and how much stew meat. This requires 10 cu. ft. of freezer space.

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Belmont Park Picks Queen

Debi Clayton, 16, of 220 Baillie Ave. was chosen Miss Belmont Park during a Belmont Park Community Association teen dance Saturday night.

She was chosen by popular vote by residents of the park housing complex which accommodates about 450 families.

Clayton and three runners-up each received sterling silver lockets from the community council.

Tots Taught By Man

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP)

Jim Brown spends every weekday in a kindergarten classroom with 26 squirming six-year-olds. But he says it wasn't easy getting the job as their teacher.

"When you walked through the door for an interview and they saw you were not a woman, they got this funny look," said Brown who applied to 35 districts before being hired by the Evergreen school District two years ago.

"The answer always came positive and formal in the mail two weeks later."

Now, after two years among young children, Brown says he has more to offer a kindergarten class than administrators in the usually female-dominated first expected.

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Fatties Have Day (and Say)



By JUDY KLEMESRUD

NEW YORK (NYT) — In a society that worships slimness and idolizes size 5 fashion models built like bamboo stalks, the fat woman is often North America's forgotten person. The fashions available in her size are often too blah, she laments. The colors, too sombre. The underwear, too spartan. And the boots, too

dos and make-ups — as well as a \$500 spring wardrobe — for telling the store's executives, hot always in the politest terms, just what they could do to beef up their merchandise offerings for Rubenesque women.

But the panel's purpose, according to Lane Bryant's president, Arthur Malsin, was not only to give the 75-year-old store good fashion suggestions. It was also to help "end discrimination against big women by proving larger bodies to not diminish them as people, not make them any less beautiful or intelligent," he said.

Meanwhile, in Paris, the annual fashion showings for the "thin is in" crowd were underway, featuring clothes by such trend-setters as Yves Saint Laurent. And the fact that such high fashion styles are generally not available to the larger set was one of the

women were dubbed the Lane Bryant Consumer Panel for Women. They were wined, dined, given new hair-

size 18 pants ("I haven't worn a dress in years"), asked for larger size clothes in brighter colors, more tennis dresses for larger women, and mix-and-match pants suits.

On and on the complaints went, about salesclerks who are rude to fat women than they are to thin ones (or so the panelists thought); about the use of such terms as "stably stout" and "junior plenty"; about seams that burst as soon as a large woman gets her new dress home; about the fact that only one woman sits on the 13-member Lane Bryant board of directors; and about discrimination against fat women in general.

family

Motorcycle Momma

HAMILTON (CP) — Mar-

lynn Bastedo is a motorcycle momma with a difference.

As general manager of the Canadian Motorcycle Association, a non-profit national organization of 7,500 members, her primary job is to promote competition in the sport.

But she has a secondary role — the continuing campaign to upgrade the motorcyclist's image, tarnished by the publicity that follows outlaw bike gangs.

"It will never be erased completely," says the trim red-haired woman whose title is new but whose duties aren't.

"I know snowmobilers suffer from the same image, not black leather jackets but vandalism and disregard for people's property. But I think the fact I'm a female has helped."

"I'm married with two children Teresa, 13, and Patrick, 12, live in a respectable neighborhood, and we don't have

harder time convincing people."

The CMA, formed in 1948, moved its headquarters from Toronto to Hamilton in 1971. At first it was in the Bastedo home here but it was moved to an abandoned small-machinery plant. And in January Mrs. Bastedo was appointed GM.

This year her role has added responsibility. Canada will play host to two world championships.

On June 29 a cross-country motorcross competition for 500 cc cycles will be held at Copetown, 15 miles west of Hamilton.

"We're expecting to have 40 international riders plus current world champion Eelki Mikkola of Finland on down."

On July 13 a motocross competition for 125 cc bikes will be staged in St. Gabriel de Brandon, Que., a first world championship in that category.

She is looking to the day when trails might be set aside for motorcyclists — abandoned railway lines, hydro rights-of-way, abandoned quarries and pits — places where they would be able to enjoy their sport without hurting the environment or both the neighbors.

BASTEDO
promoter

noisy parties with motorcyclists coming in and out at all hours. I think if a man had this job he might have a

HINDU TEMPLE, CENTRE OPENS

BURNABY (CP) — Spiritual teachings, sitar music, recitals, folk dances, plays and the usual array of politicians announced a new \$100,000 Hindu orthodox temple and recreation centre Sunday.

An overflow crowd of more than 500 people in stocking feet sat in yoga positions to hear spiritual teacher Swami Chinmayanand declare the temple officially open.

He expressed the hope that the facility will become a "mutual place" for cultural exchanges between the East Indian community and other Canadians.

Eileen Daily, British Columbia's education minister and local MLA, told the gathering that "the great strength" of Canada lies in the ability of the country's ethnic groups to maintain their individual cultures.

"The great difference between this country and the United States is that in Canada we're not attempting to have the country become a melting pot," said Mrs. Daily.

Mrs. Daily called on the East Indian community to go out and spread their culture.

Burnaby Mayor Tom Constable said that discrimination can be overcome by "love, understanding and tolerance." He appealed to the gathering to integrate into the community and get involved in other organizations.

MP Art Lee (L-Vancouver East) said he hopes Canadians will "find a compromise" between an open-door and closed-door future immigration policy.

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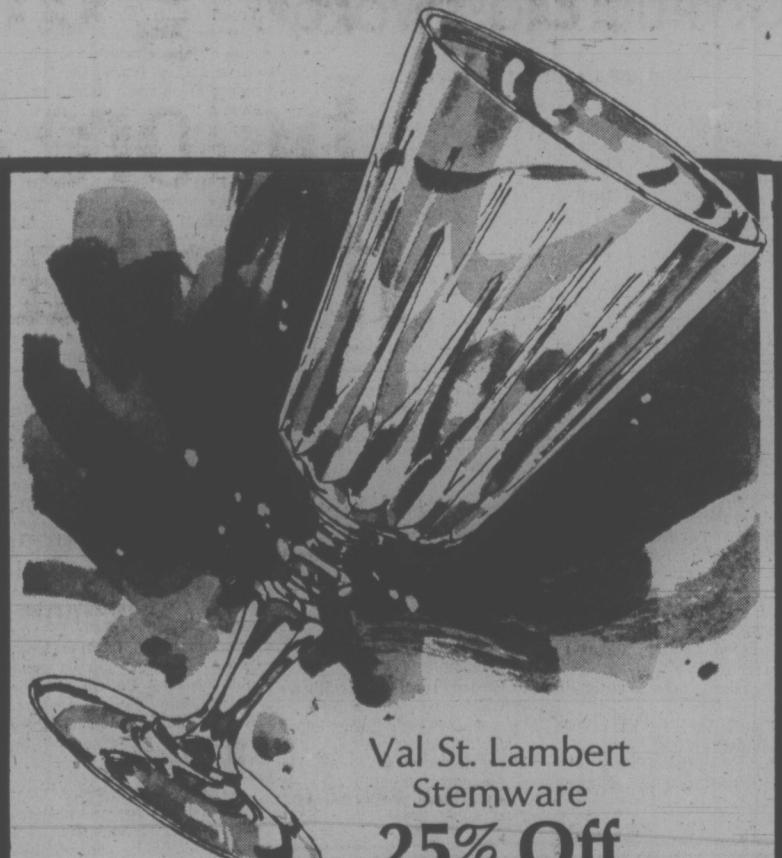
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FISH AND PLANTS A LOVELY CIRCLE

By JOHN SHUTTLEWORTH

Folks who both keep fish and grow ornamental plants in their homes may have a better idea than they realize,

according to a letter in the February, 1975, Organic Gardening and Farming magazine.

The letter — from Steven R. Stoneburner, of Minneapolis, Minnesota — states that recently, after fertilizing his house plants with fish emulsion, Stoneburner moved on to a weekly chore: draining one gallon of water from a 10-gallon aquarium and replacing the old liquid with fresh.

"Suddenly," Steve writes, "the thought of using this . . . water (for fertilizer) made sense."

Steve reasoned that the ammonia wastes left by the fish

administrative director of New York, left, are William Powell, the director of press and publications at the UN and John A. Duigan, general director of Canada's host secretariat. The team expressed complete satisfaction with the plans as detailed.

THE MOTHER EARTH NEWS

in old aquarium water would be a good source of nitrogen for his house plants and that the tepid nature of the fish tank liquid might "warm" the plants during cold weather. Apparently he was correct.

"For the first time," says Steve, "my hoyia plant has bloomed, and the fish water brought many of my African violets into bloom. So now I just let my aquarium make my fertilizer for me!"

The idea sounds so natural and so good that people who currently only cultivate house plants might well be advised.

to look into adding an aquarium to their hobby . . . and vice versa.

Fish waste can fertilize plants which feed people whose waste in turn, is processed to support the fish.

To learn how a group of scientists known as The New Alchemists have built and operated such ecosystems, send 10c and a stamped, self-addressed long envelope to THE MOTHER EARTH NEWS, in care of the Victoria Times, 2621 Douglas St., Victoria, B.C.

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Silicone Injections Draw Surgeon's Grim Warning

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Charles A. Vinnick, a Las Vegas plastic surgeon, says the use of silicone injections as beauty treatments for faces and women's breasts is dangerous.

"It doesn't deserve to be left loose on the public," Vinnick testified at a meeting of the U.S. house investigating subcommittee Monday. He asked the Food and Drug Administration to withhold marketing approval of silicone injections, used to increase breast size, remove facial wrinkles and build up sagging areas.

Vinnick said he has seen several hundred cases of women with disfigured and rotting skin from silicone injections. Also, he added, a few men had had penis injections with "disfiguring results."

He showed slides of women he said were treated 10 or more years ago with silicone. Some had faces blackened with rotting skin, others with reddish breasts described as rock hard from silicone.

As of March 14, it was illegal in Nevada to inject liquid silicone substances into the human body. The felony is punishable by up to six years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

In a paper Vinnick will present next month at a scientific meeting in Vancouver, he says: "Most problems have been described in the breast however, complications of facial injections now appear to be becoming widespread."

Before briefing the subcommittee, Vinnick appeared be-

fore an FDA panel to urge for further research on silicone injections before giving them drug status which, Vinnick said, would "have the same effect as putting it on the market."

The drug has been tested under controlled conditions approved by FDA for 10 years. At FDA authorized research centres, silicone has been injected facially.

The single medical use found so far is the treatment of loss of fatty tissue in the face. Less than 2,000 cases of this loss have been reported worldwide.

PAT SAVED HIM

"Just having her around," the former president added, "is my best medicine today . . . the best decision I ever made was choosing Pat to be my wife, my partner in life."

"I doubt that I would have made it without her," Nixon said in a McCall's Magazine article released Sunday. The operation took place in the months following Nixon's departure from the White House, which he acknowledged in the article was a time of severe physical and emotional stress.

"In the weeks after that," Nixon said, "if it hadn't been for her, I might not have survived.

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Vinnick says there is no way to police its use once FDA gives approval.

"In the hands of unscrupulous individuals, far removed from effective physician peer review, this simple office procedure, if given the sanction of the FDA as a new drug, will almost certainly be misused by the unscrupulous or uninformed practitioner," he said.

Even now, he told the congressmen, women patients of his who have friends with disfigured breasts, are still willing to take the gamble if it will enhance their beauty.

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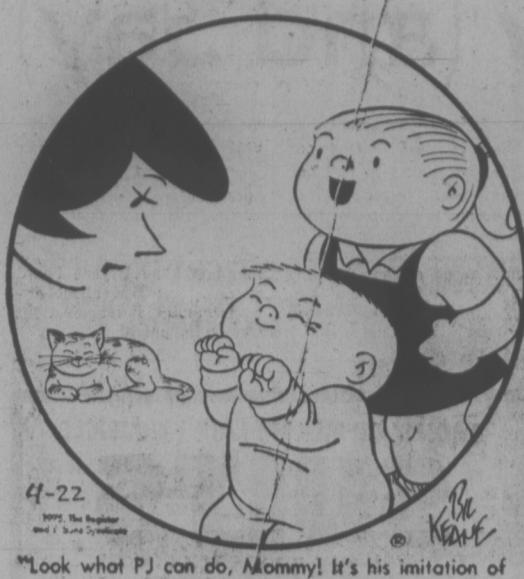
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FAMILY CIRCLE



"Look what PJ can do, Mommy! It's his imitation of Kittycat!"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"Mom wants to know what you think you're doing down here."

The Bridge Expert

By FRED KARPIN

The suit-preference signal is a defensive signal designed to guide partner's choice between two suits, with the suit being led and the trump suit both being excluded from consideration.

The essence of the suit-preference signal is this: when partner, either when leading to the current trick, or due to lead to the next trick, seems likely to switch to another suit at the next trick, the play or lead of an unnecessarily high card calls for a lead in the higher-ranking of the two obvious suits; and the play or lead of an obviously low card calls for the lead of the lower-ranking of the two obvious suits. Properly used, the suit-preference signal does not interfere with the conventional encouraging ("positive") and discouraging ("negative") signals.

That the suit-preference signal is a most useful tool can be observed in today's deal. The hand came up in the 1974 Blue Ribbon National Pairs Championship. Sitting West and East, respectively, were Norraan Kay, of Philadelphia, and Edgar Kaplan, of New York, the winners of the event. North-South vulnerable. South deals.

West's three-club jump overcall showed a seven-card suit within a poor hand. North's double was what is known as a "negative" double: at the three-level, it showed, as a minimum about 11 points, with support for each of the unbid suits. The rest of the bidding was natural, with South arriving at a

NORTH
♦ AK43
♥ K972
♦ Q65
♦ ♠ 95

WEST
♦ Q652
♥ J8
♦ ♠ 9
♦ ♣ K943
♦ ♦ QJ86432 ♦ AK7

SOUTH
♦ 9
♥ ♠ A Q1054
♦ ♠ AJ10872
♦ ♠ 10

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♦ 3 ♦ Dbl. 4 ♦
4 ♦ 5 ♦ Pass Pass
5 ♦ Pass 6 ♦ Pass
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Two of ♦.

good small slam contract in hearts.

When Kay opened the deuce of clubs, which Kaplan won with his ace, Kaplan paused for reflection. West, for his pre-emptive bid, was known to have a seven-card suit. Why, Kaplan asked himself, did Kay open the deuce, which obviously could not have been his fourth-highest club (if it were, then Kay would have possessed exactly four clubs, an impossibility)?

So Kaplan properly construed the "abnormal" lead of the deuce as a suit-preference signal, which commanded him to lead the lower-ranking of the two obvious suits (diamonds versus spades). At trick two, Kaplan returned a diamond, which Kay ruffed for the setting trick.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ANSWERS TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

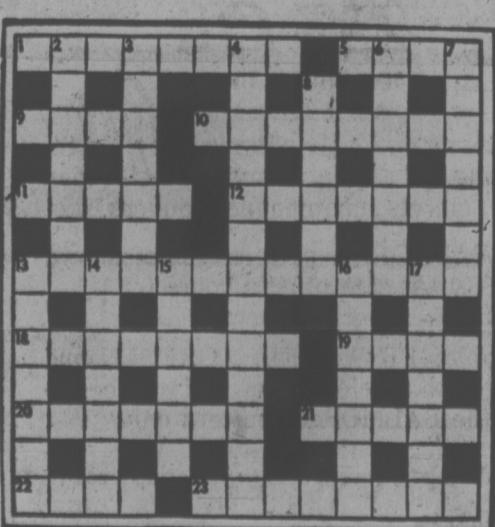
ACROSS:	18 Contract	4 Card
1 Conspectus	21 Subject	5 Unheard
7 Rover	22 Steer	6 Grumpiness
8 Worship	23 Despondent	9 Peremptory
10 Moreover	12 Distaste	13 Parable
11 Fair	14 Parable	15 Cotton
13 Impale	16 Alert	19 Alert
15 Wisdom	2 Narrowly	20 Peep
17 Earn	3 Powder	

CLUES

ACROSS:
1 As seen in the constellation Pisces? (8)
5 Boat takes doctor from Moscow (4)
9 Excursion and dance (4)
10 Just the same, it means you had the right money (2, 6)
11 Plays, but doesn't bother about the score (5)
12 Reproved and dated (4, 3)
13 Very young communist as a fellow serviceman (7, 2, 4)
18 Almost a month before the beds bear fruit (8)
19 Hurried, being about to start (4)
20 Numbers take charge in stress (7)
21 Knowledge having little weight (5)
22 Jar for a kind of berry (4)
23 Colourful display of arms (8)

DOWN:
2 Trouble with rent may come as a big blow (7)
3 To do so will brighten the room, whichever way you look at it (7)
4 It may be delivered by a terse and aperçue judge (5, 8)
6 Outline of a number travelling about (7)
7 Tributes to the dead from the wars (7)
8 Cast from the seat of power, we hear (6)
13 Pipe of pipes (7)
14 The things they're told are incredible! (7)
15 Northern adjective with no warm associations (6)
16 A rising little place noted for its industry (7)
17 He takes steps to air his grievance in public (7)

SOLUTION WEDNESDAY



SOLUTION, WEDNESDAY

FUN WITH FIGURES

By J. A. H. HUNTER

Each distinct letter in this easy addition stands for a particular but different digit.

It would indeed be a surprise meeting! What is this DODO?

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D O
Y O U
D O

D O D O

Thanks to T. Dean, Hellesdon, England.

(Answer Tomorrow)

Yesterday's answer: Stan collected \$2,765.

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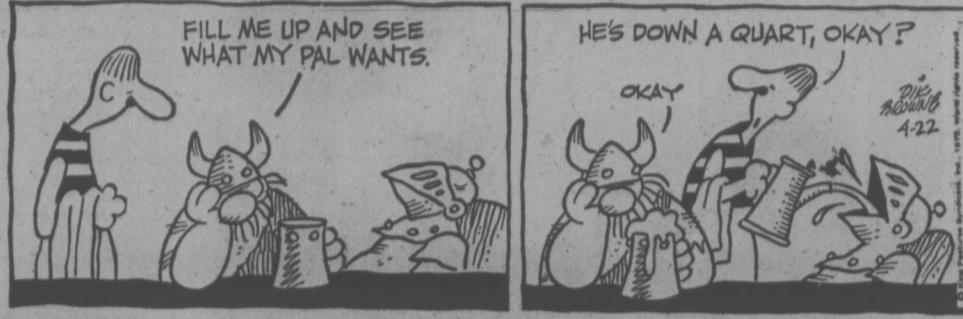
The number of visitors at Aruba set a record in 1974, the 17th consecutive year that a record for tourist traffic has been posted by the Caribbean island.

MISS PEACH

HAGAR



PEANUTS



B.C.



WIZARD OF ID



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MARK TRAIL



APARTMENT 3-G



BROOM-HILDA



By BEN FONG-TORRES

THE JOKER WAS WILD: A bad night all around for Steve Miller, who only last year was atop the charts with 'The Joker.' Miller, on a 2 a.m. visit to a former girlfriend in a house he was renting to her in Marin County, tried to evict her, slapped her and, when she ran off to a neighbor's, piled some of her clothes and jewelry into a fireplace and set them on fire. Later, outside the house, he was accused of resisting two police officers and fell through a window when the cops tried to push him up against the side of the house. He wound up busted, cut and in need of 25 stitches.

Out on bail later that morning, he was back to the neighbor's house—the neighbor is Tim Davis, a friend and musical sidekick—with apologies. The woman friend then tried to drop charges, but was told by a district attorney that criminal complaints will stand against Miller.

Talking with us the next day, Miller said he had not been resisting arrest as much as trying to hook up a garden hose.

ROLLING STONE

"The fire was getting a little hotter than I had planned on," he said. "I wanted to put it out, and these guys got me up against a wall with my hands behind my back and shoved my head through a window." But the space cowboy held no grudges.

Elton John was preparing to appear on 'Top of the Pops,' the British TV rock show on BBC, when the producers asked him not to use the recorded track from his Philadelphia Freedom single for his performance of the song. They wanted him to use instead the BBC Orchestra, and offered him three hours of rehearsal time.

Elton exploded. "When I make a record," he said, "I spend a great deal of time and love on it. To be told I have just three hours and an orchestra with which I am unfamiliar to re-create that sin-

gle is absurd." Elton had much more luck in Hollywood, where he taped a segment for Soul Train, which should be shown in most markets May 3.

Elton put the Soul Train gang away by performing at a see-through Plexiglas piano, singing Benny and the Jets, which was an R&B as well as a pop hit, and Philadelphia Freedom. He sang live over the original instrumental tracks, and all was well...

Elton John did a 20-minute duet of a song both are well known for singing: Feeling All Right. The performance took place at the Roxy Theatre in Hollywood, where neither Joe nor Dave was booked; they were just helping close a Billy Joel show...

Recent visitors to the Starwood Club in L.A., best known as a teen hangout, were

Gregg Allman and Cher Bono, where Blue Swede were on stage. At the band's invitation, Gregg hopped up on stage, and with him went to buddies, set to play drums and bass.

The mini-invasion took Blue Swede by surprise and effectively bumped lead singer Bjorn Skifs and his drummer and bassist off the stage. (Later, a most diplomatic Skifs went so far as to tell us that he was "surprised—and honored.") One person who was there thought Cher was upset with Gregg for taking over the show, but Skifs, who sat and chatted with her, said he didn't spot any daggers from Bono to Allman. When Gregg and crew left the stage, she jumped on to sing with Skifs. Bjornmy and Cher did Long Train Running and Half Breed...

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are making breakup noises again. Ritchie Blackmore, lead guitarist and a founder of the seven-year-old band, gave a hint early this year when he sneaked off from the rest of the group to cut a solo single; now, the group is announcing one more album, a live one from the current tour. Blackmore is thinking of joining various members of ELF, while Glenn Hughes, bassist and vocalist, will rejoin Trapeze. But Deep Purple, one of the best-selling bands in the biz, may not be able to resist their sure thing for long. They may, they say, do occasional concerts. James Taylor, recording in L.A., has some fine vocal support, namely, David Crosby and Graham Nash, on two tracks, one a Taylor tune called Mexico... Taylor's wife, Carly Simon, is out with "Playing Possum," which has Ringo drumming on one track...

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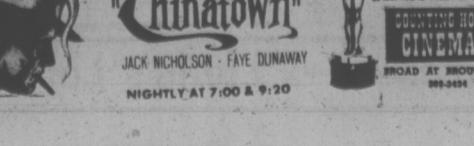
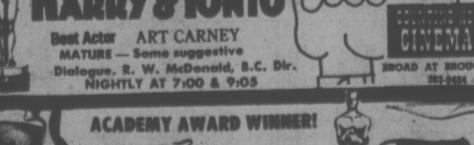
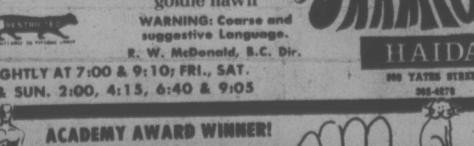
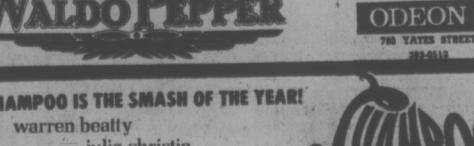
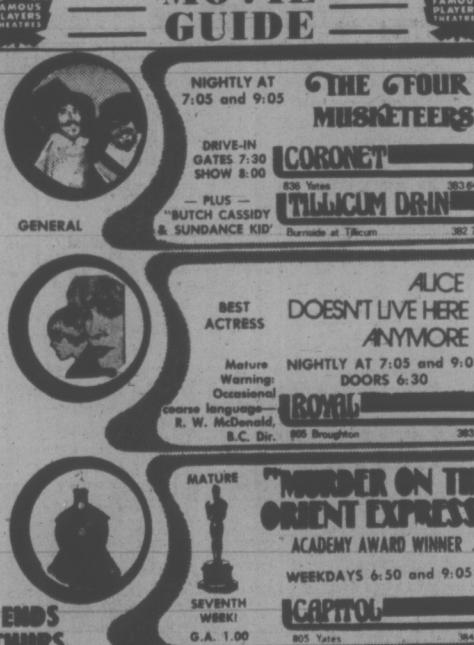
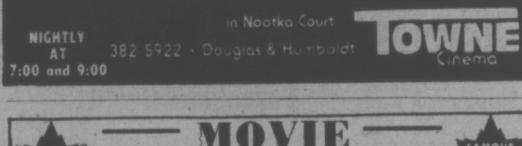
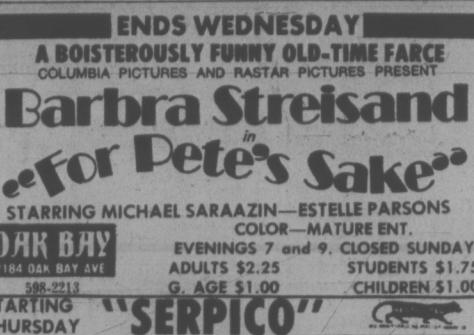
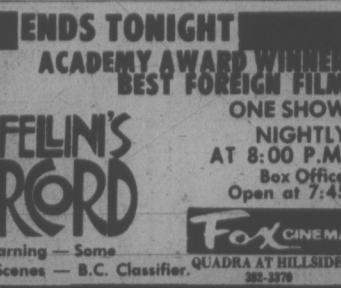
20-20 NEWS: Deep Purple

CHER
on-stageRINGO
back-up

BIRTHDAY PAROLE DENIED TO HESS

MUNICH, Germany — Rudolph Hess, a former deputy of Adolf Hitler, has been denied a request for a week of freedom "on his word of honor" during birthdays for himself and his wife, a spokesman for Hess's publisher said today.

The joint American, British, French and Soviet prison directorate at Spandau prison in Berlin, where Hess is the only prisoner, said prison rules established by the former Second World War allies in 1946 do not allow for temporary absences, the spokesman said.



It's Now Official, Guys: We're Not Needed people



FACING EVICTION from her low-rental home in Toronto is Agatha Huard, shown here with her three children. Mrs. Huard, who is blind,

owes \$556 in back rent. The only child who has sight and serves as the eyes of the family is six-year-old Paul.

Man-Made Man Nearer

EDMONTON — Captain Donna Lynch, an officer in the Militia, has been named the first woman aide-de-camp to an Alberta lieutenant governor. Capt. Lynch's appointment was announced Monday by Lt. Gov. Ralph Steinbauer.

SALT LAKE CITY — A Salt Lake gas station is selling marijuana, and the police say it's legal. The station has a big sign that says "legal marijuana for sale." But there's a catch: The leaves are encased in plastic medallions worn on chains.

It's All Greek

The word television comes from the Greek word meaning far away and the Latin word meaning see.

NBC AXES EIGHT FROM SCHEDULE

NEW YORK — NBC said Monday it is cancelling eight series, including the Smothers Brothers' attempt at a comeback.

In addition to The Smothers Brothers Show NBC is cancelling Adam-12, a seven-season veteran; Lucas Tanner and Petrocelli, both in their first season, and three mid-season replacements — Sunshine, The Bob Crane Show and The Mac Davis Show.

The network also is cancelling Amy Prentiss, starring Jessica Walter as a police woman.

New shows for the fall 1975-76 schedule include Holvak, starring Glenn Ford as a Southern country preacher in the late 1930s; The Invisible Man, starring David McCallum in a television version of the H. G. Wells classic about a scientist; Fay, starring Lee Grant as a freshly-divorced woman embarking upon a new life; Ellery Queen, with no one yet cast as the well-known mystery writer; Medi-

cal Story, an anthology series of medical dramas; The Metro Man, with Lloyd Bridges as a uniformed policeman and Sunday Dinner, a situation comedy starring Tony Montefusco as the head of a large Italian-American family.

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\$33,400 Awarded By Think Tank

The University of Victoria's new think tank has awarded more than \$33,400 to UVic's geography and economics departments.

It is the first grant of its kind to come from the newly-formed B.C. Economic Policy Analysis Institute headed by resource economist Mason Gaffney.

Six student fellowships will be included in the grant along with faculty research money and limited travel money for B.C. students.

With the grant, UVic will finally move into an area of research that has long been neglected, said geography professor Malcolm Micklewright.

That area deals with towns whose prime industry is fishing, mining, logging or the exploitation of other natural resources.

Students receiving the fellowships will come to UVic to study topics from the taxation of resource industries and its effects on the residents' life and work, to questions about who should bear the costs of environmental protection.

Micklewright and economics professor Gerry Walter will use the \$6,400 in faculty research money this summer looking at regional and resource development in a northern Canadian community.

First Festival Day Judged 'Truly a Joy'

Only one day old, the 25th annual Greater Victoria Music Festival has already produced some outstanding performances in vocal, string and speech classes.

Junior, and adult vocal sessions Monday, caused Winnipeg adjudicator Frances Wickenberg to comment on a whole day "that was truly a joy."

More than a thousand music makers of all ages were involved Monday and at least as many again today, engaging the attention of adjudicators in five separate halls. The festival continues through May 5.

Vocal classes continue through Friday at First United Fellowship Hall, speech at Newcombe Auditorium, through Thursday, strings at Oak Bay Junior through Thursday.

Choral classes which began Monday and will conclude Wednesday, have had to be moved due to other commitments, from the programmed site of Victoria High, to Christ Church Cathedral hall, behind the cathedral on Vancouver Street.

Accordion and guitar classes will have occupied two days at Blanshard Elementary before they conclude this evening.

Speech classes provided one of the outstanding performers Monday as Sandra Foweraker topped five in the under 12 bracket.

At the string sessions United States adjudicator John V. Tellishka awarded several marks between 90 and 95. Recipients were violinist Mark Neumann, Paul Thompson, Wayne Thompson, Cheri Larson and David Lowe.

Outstanding young adult vocal soloists evoked the evening at First United, Monday. Three important classes—male operatic, female oratorio and lieder—made up the program and Mrs. Wickberg had many good things to say about the beautiful voices, the musical qualities of the singing, poise, intensity and flexibility.

She commented that "there should have been someone in every seat of the sparsely-

filled hall—people are missing something wonderful."

Only one mark separated many of the entrants and in some cases decision was so difficult that runners-up were tied. Robert Hazard was named winner of the male operate with Brian Benn and Michael Eckford tied for a close second.

Oratorio class was won by Susan Word, but again Robin Powell and Pierana Moon were close seconds, tightly followed by Debra Crozier-Smith.

The evening ended with the prestigious lieder class which had an unprecedented 10 entrants, nine of whom performed and all of whom were, said the adjudicator, an absolute delight.

"This was beautiful work and a fantastic ending to a most enjoyable day," she said.

Mrs. Wickenberg thanked all the pianists for their excellent work, pointing out that in lieder it is a team performance and the two participants cannot be divided.

Tonight's action takes place at First United (male oratorio, Bach sacred, and concert group for any voice); Newcombe (speech seniors); Oak Bay Junior (strings open); Cathedral hall (adult choirs); Blanshard School (accordion championships). All evening sessions begin at 7:30.

Wednesday sessions begin at 9:30 a.m., continuing throughout the day and evening at the same centres. However Highland dance takes over at Blanshard.

VOCAL CLASSES
Boy, 9 or younger—Julian Butterfield, 86; Julian Smith, 85; Blair Philip, 86; Eric Prosnitz, 85; Felix Vassilakos, 86; Linda Martin, 86; Girl, 9 or 10—Morgan Martin, 86; Jennifer Doyle, 85; Sandra Pyle, 87; Cathy-Anne Skilling, 86; Carmen Godzak, 85; Robert White, 86; Girl, 13 or 14—Susan Pyle, 88; Carmen Godzak, 87; Ingrid Affroth, 86; Intermediate—Susan Westmacott, 87; Lynne MacKinnon, 86; Janice Morris, 81; Carolyn Anderson, 86; Timothy Williams, 85; Robert Harmsworth and David Cooper, equal, 85.

STRING CLASSES
Violin solo, under 10—Jennifer Wallis, 88; Helen Welsh, 86; Oscar Woodward, 77; Violin solo, under 12—David Lowe, 91; Mark Ferris, 84; Violin solo, under 15—Alan Hor-

TRIUMF Seeks Shield Funds

VANCOUVER (CP) — The TRIUMF particle accelerator has asked the federal government for an extra half million dollars to buy more concrete shielding.

Scientists are waiting to open the throttle on the machine, now running at about one per cent of full power, but can't because there isn't enough shielding to protect workers from the radiation, said Reg Richardson, TRIUMF director on Monday.

Money meant for the shielding was eaten up by inflation, he added.

A leader of the TRIUMF project says that within two years, it will be the most advanced radiation treatment centre in the world for treating many forms of cancer.

Dr. G. B. Douglas, a medical doctor and physicist,

made the statement in an interview Monday during a two-day conference of doctors, physicists and radiologists which ends today.

Although TRIUMF stands for Tri-University Meson Facility, four universities are involved, the University of B.C., Simon Fraser University, the University of Victoria and the University of Alberta, which joined after the name was formed.

There are three other high energy accelerators in the world.

Dr. Douglas said the Los

Alimos Meson Physics Facility in New Mexico is "slightly ahead of us," but the accelerator is in the middle of a desert with no cancer patients nearby.

He said the TRIUMF accelerator is close to a major cancer treatment centre.

Dr. Douglas said the accelerator at Stanford University has been designed for a different approach, "and they have met problems."

The other accelerator in Zurich, Switzerland, is not expected to have much medical use.



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CASHLESS SOCIETY IN GOVT

Ottawa (CP) — The cashless society is coming to government within a few months, the Commons miscellaneous estimates committee was told today.

Jean-Pierre Goyer, minister of supply and services, said his department has been holding formal meetings with the Canadian Bankers' Association to set up a new system of direct funds transfer.

"The first pilot projects . . .

will begin shortly," he said.

Max Saltzman (NDP-Waterloo-Cambridge) took up the

questioning, commenting that "this puts you in the forefront of the cashless society."

Donald Yeomans, assistant deputy minister in the services administration, said the first step—getting the banks to agree on electronic standards for transfer of funds—already has been completed.

Direct electronic transfer actually will begin by June this year, he said, with government payments to banks under the guaranteed loans program.

This includes such programs as student loans and loans to fishermen, in which the federal government has to pay interest charges and sometimes pays off the loan if the borrower defaults.

The next step will be to introduce the system on a voluntary basis for paying civilian employees of the defence department in Ottawa. This is expected to begin by the end of this year, Mr. Yeomans said.

"It would be some years before this is a wholesale operation," he added.

But the government hopes it can eventually be extended to cover government payrolls and payments to citizens ranging from children's allowances to old age pensions.

Mr. Yeomans said the direct electronic transfer of funds will be "much more economical" and more convenient to the citizen.

Mr. Saltzman told a reporter after the committee meeting the new system "really has profound effects on society," altering among other things the bargaining relationships between groups.

He said it would mean that postal strikes, for example, can be sustained much longer, without the pressure to settle that results from the delays in distributing old age pension and other essential cheques.

Mr. Yeomans, also in an interview afterward, said it is

putters of the bank account numbers of recipients of its cheques, he said, and there is likely to be some resistance to this on grounds of privacy.

Woman Admitted Killing Husband

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ATTACKS ON THE RISE

the new constitution the assembly will write will concentrate power in the ruling military junta, the 28-man, leftist-dominated Revolutionary Council.

Several thousand leftists broke up a street march Monday night in Braga, northern Portugal, by supporters of the Conservative Centre Social Democratic party and drove the marchers into the party headquarters with a hail of rocks and bottles.

At least 20 persons were reported injured in Guimaraes.

Leftists have frequently disrupted CDS rallies, but this was the worst violence of the campaign.

Mr. Yeomans said the received a statement from a woman accused of murder that she had stabbed her common-law husband on board a vessel moored in Nanaimo.

Marilyn Joan Frank, 34, of Vancouver is charged with the murder of Frank Wells, 43, of Richmond Nov. 12 on board the boat, Glenaston, in Commercial Inlet. The body

was discovered on the boat Nov. 20 by Nanaimo RCMP after Vancouver police learned of the death.

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SATURDAY NIGHT BACK ON STANDS

TORONTO (CP) — Saturday Night magazine, which suspended publication last fall because of financial problems, is back on newsstands this week.

Plans to resume monthly publication were made after the magazine received \$100,000 from Imperial Oil Ltd. and contributions from subscribers.

The May issue has a profile of Ontario Premier Davis, a story on Arnold Spohr, director of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, and an article on Howie Meeker, a former coach of Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League.

There is also a short fiction story by Canadian writer Margaret Atwood and articles on travel, Canadian restaurants, wine, television, books, theatre, movies and business.

New Talks Urged

CAPE TOWN (Reuters) — South African Prime Minister John Vorster said Monday it is imperative that blacks and whites hold new peace talks in Rhodesia.

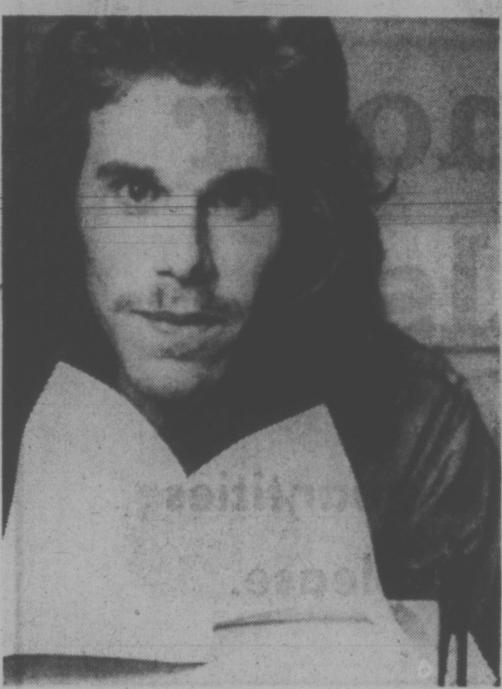
But he said that South Africa is not forcing Ian Smith, the Rhodesian prime minister, to resume constitutional exchanges with the leader of the African National Council, Bishop Abel Muzorewa.

In a wide-ranging speech on detente between blacks and whites in Africa, Vorster said that Smith is willing to negotiate with black leaders. It was both untrue and unfair to say

that he was not, or that South Africa was forcing him to do so.

The Rhodesian government invited Bishop Muzorewa last week to hold new talks aimed at breaking a current deadlock in the constitutional dispute, but the black leader has not yet accepted, asking for clarification of the official attitude to various nationalist demands.

Vorster said the two sides must decide on the date for a Rhodesian constitutional conference and then "black and white Rhodesians will be able, without interference from outside, to reach an agreement."



HUMAN FIGURE in front of University of Victoria sculpture student Blake Semini shows the scale of his finished fiberglass work shown here in model form. The work was judged best of a group now on display at the Greater Victoria Art Gallery. The finished product will be 10 feet high and have cost \$10,300 to build. (John McKay photo)

BEFORE THE JUDGE

Bail was set at \$3,000 in Victoria provincial court Monday for one of two men charged with the \$19,000 liquor store holdup April 12 in Saanich.

Judge Harold Alder set bail for Robert Gelineau, 21, of 702 Limpson.

Defence lawyer Gordon Hayes of Vancouver asked that bail hearing for Gordon Comley, 22, of no fixed address, be postponed until April 29 because "the circumstances of the full charge have not been conveyed to me."

A no publication ban on details of the hearing was issued at Hayes' request.

Gelineau and Comley were arrested by Vancouver city police Thursday and charged in Victoria provincial court Friday with armed robbery at the store at 2855 Tillicum.

Brian Michael Jacobson, 20, 1222 Oakmount, was found guilty of robbery with violence and remanded to May 18 for presentence report and sentencing.

Police said Jacobson robbed 67-year-old Patrick Turlock, 1100 Esquimalt Road, as he was about to start his car in the Century Inn parking lot April 10.

Turlock testified that at about 1:50 a.m. a man pounded at his car door and asked him to open up.

"I said 'what for?'" Turlock told the court.

"He struck him had hand in the air vent window, grabbed me by the necktie and dragged me to the ground."

Turlock said the man asked him for money.

"I told him I didn't have any money . . . he grabbed me and hit me on the head a few times with his fists, then sat me on the ground and said if you make a holler, I'll kill you."

He had pleaded not guilty Dec. 6, but changed his plea to guilty March 25.

Police Head Appointed

Former Oak Bay secondary school student Richard Hunter Vogel, now a Vancouver lawyer, has been appointed Vancouver police commissioner.

Vogel, appointed Monday by Attorney-General Alex Macdonald, joins Mayor Arthur Phillips, Joseph Chen, Velma Swanson and Dr. Hugh Parfitt on the five-man board.

Born in Duncan, Vogel attended Victoria College, the University of B.C. and Dalhousie University where he graduated in law. He was called to the bar in Nova Scotia in 1958.

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U.S. Readies Forces For Evacuation Fight

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The U.S. is sending thousands of Marines plus electronic warfare planes, jet refuelling tankers, helicopters and transports to Indochina as concern grows over the evacuation of some 3,000 Americans and an undisclosed number of South Vietnamese associates.

Senior officials describe the situation as "touch and go."

The prospects have increased that a swift emergency evacuation may be necessary as Saigon's outer defences crumble and North Vietnamese artillery and anti-aircraft missiles come within range of Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport.

If either the North or South Vietnamese "shows displeasure" at such an evacuation, President Ford said Monday diplomatically, "some fairly sizable force" of Americans might be required to extricate those South Vietnamese who would be exposed to retaliation without the protection of the United States.

Ford also said, "There was no pressure by me or anyone else in Washington" for the resignation of President Nguyen Van Thieu, despite Thieu's charge that he was under U.S. pressure to resign.

Thieu's decision "so far as we know was made entirely on his own," he added.

Thousands of Americans and their South Vietnamese dependents meanwhile, jammed a tent colony at United States' Clark air base in the Philippines today as the evacuation from Saigon became a round-the-clock operation.

At least 40 U.S. Air Force C-141 and C-130 cargo planes filled with an estimated 3,000 persons were scheduled to land at intervals of 30 to 45 minutes.

Officials in Saigon said fewer than 2,000 Americans are left in the South Vietnamese capital.

They had no estimate, however, of the number of Vietnamese dependents awaiting evacuation.

Many Americans were angry at being herded into tents hastily erected Monday in a carnival field in the middle of the base. Authorities explained that the gymnasium and barracks already are filled with people.

Each tent was designed to accommodate 20 persons and the colony was being expanded to house 5,000 people.

In several gymnasiums on the base, evacuees were sleeping on mattresses on the floor.

"This is no way to treat people," said Col. Paul Wragg of Tampa, Fla., the base's chief chaplain and an evacuee relief co-ordinator.

"Unless something happens to break the log jam, we will really be in trouble."

In Los Angeles, it was claimed the United States may evacuate up to a million South Vietnamese to California.

County supervisor James Hayes said Monday he had been informed "by highly-placed officials in Washington that planning is underway to bring from 600,000 to 1 million southeast Asian refugees to our shores, children and adults as well."

The evacuation may be carried out "whether we like it or not," and said the county government should "be ready for any eventuality," he added.

On the war front, Communist forces, mounting the re-invasion of President Thieu, advanced on Saigon from two sides today, crippling South Vietnam's major air base and assaulting the district capital of Hau Giang in the Mekong Delta.

South Vietnamese troops also completed their retreat from Xuan Loc, 40 miles east of Saigon on Highway 1.

Assault Alarms For Buses

TORONTO (CP) — Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) buses, streetcars and trolley buses are to be equipped with alarm systems in an effort to protect drivers from assaults, the TTC's chairman said.

Gordon Hurlbut said in a weekend interview that about 2,000 vehicles will be equipped with alarms as soon as the best type of system is found.

Hurlbut made his comments after a TTC bus driver was beaten by four youths Friday while passengers sat and watched.

MISSION CLOSING

OTTAWA (UPI) — Canada is expected to close its diplomatic mission in Saigon Wednesday, a government source said today.

There are still three diplomatic representatives in the South Vietnamese capital, including Charge d' Affairs Ernest Hebert. Their families have all left.

A government source said it was "highly likely" the mission would close Wednesday. "Bearing in mind the departure of our Commonwealth friends, the Australians, it makes it easier to be the next to go," he said. Australia closed its embassy Monday.

Another government source said that it was unlikely Canada would re-open the mission in Saigon once the political situation settled down, noting Canada already has representation in Hanoi.

Aside from the three diplomats, there are 38 other Canadians — 10 journalists, 20 missionaries who plan to stay on, and eight with Vietnamese dependents awaiting visas — still in Saigon.



TEARFUL REUNION at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines took place today as this mother was re-

united with her sons who had been evacuated from Saigon on a different plane.

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One-Man Probe For Air Canada

OTTAWA (CP) — The government will appoint a one-man commission to investigate the circumstances surrounding the payment of \$100,000 to a Montreal travel agent by an official of Air Canada.

And Transport Minister Jean Marchand told reporters after a cabinet meeting today the commission will look at "the whole financial structure" of the organization to see if we have all the control we need" over company spending. (Earlier story Page 15.)

Whether the inquiry will be open to the public wouldn't be known until the commissioner is appointed and the terms of reference drawn up.

We have a man in mind," said the minister. "But he hasn't been approached yet." On two occasions he used the term "judge" in connection with the appointment.

Marchand promised the inquiry, in the Commons after opposition MPs produced documents to show that a payment of \$100,000 was made to

Politicians Withdraw From Talks

Municipal administrators today worked independently of elected representatives during mediation efforts aimed at solving the area's 14-week civic dispute.

Provincial mediator Clark Gilmour said the senior staff group was working out calculations involving settlement proposals.

Regional district chairman Jim Campbell said the political group has withdrawn from discussion until they are needed.

Earlier, regional employers' chief negotiator George Wilkinson expressed the wish to meet CUPE negotiators face to face without the presence of elected people.

Afternoon today both sides were meeting with Gilmour in separate rooms.

CUPE spokesman Jim Walker said after 5½ hours of talks Monday that the union and civic employers are "working closer together," but he declined to suggest there was little but an hourly wage settlement left to agree upon.

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The spokesman added that he assumed the walkout would last for 24 hours, but a final decision would be made by national union officials in Ottawa.

In Saskatoon, 127 letter carriers who walked out Monday morning returned to their jobs today.

Letter carriers were on strike today in St. John's, Mount Pearl and Stephenville, Nfld.; Halifax, Sydney and Dartmouth, N.S.; Saint John, Moncton, Fredericton and Bathurst, N.B.

U.S. SEEKS GRADUAL GAS HIKES

Times News Services

OTTAWA — United States officials today suggested increases in the price of natural gas exported from Canada should be introduced gradually to lessen the impact on American consumers.

Julius Katz, assistant under-secretary of state, said a two-hour meeting this morning with senior federal government officials was called for "consultation and not negotiation."

But as he emerged from the meeting in the external affairs building, Katz said he "referred" in the talks to "previous statements on phasing-in price increases."

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Blast 'Blew Birds Out of Sky'

CALGARY (CP) — The dynamite plant explosion Monday which killed six men produced a 1,000-foot fireball which "blew birds out of the sky," according to a witness.

The man, who asked that his name not be used, also said employees of the Canadian Industries Ltd. dynamite plant in southeast Calgary seemed to be in shock after

VANCOUVER SHUT DOWN

Postal Walkouts Hit 25 Centres

OTTAWA (CP) — Letter carriers were off the job today in about 25 centres across the country — including Vancouver — as their union stepped up pressure on the government in an effort to find a favorable working agreement.

An estimated 4,000 letter carriers and mail truck drivers were on strike, with the Atlantic region hardest hit. There also were disruptions in Quebec, Ontario, Edmonton and Vancouver.

Victoria workers stayed on the job.

The number of strikers is about one-quarter of the Letter Carriers' Union membership.

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Dockers Face Force

OTTAWA (CP) — The federal government was expected to introduce emergency legislation today to force about 2,200 longshoremen in three Quebec ports back to work. The decision to bring in a back-to-work bill was made at a morning cabinet meeting.

Job for Connally?

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford said Monday night that former treasury secretary John B. Connally Jr., freed of all charges, might play a role in the Republican party in the next election and perhaps in the Ford administration.

Alberta Surplus

EDMONTON (CP) — The Alberta government reported today a cash surplus of \$309 million in the first nine months of the 1974-75 fiscal year. That compares with a \$72-million deficit after nine months of the previous fiscal year.

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HYDRANTS INCLUDED IN DOGGIE PARK

VANCOUVER (CP) — A three-acre park for Vancouver's dogs — complete with fire hydrants — was finally approved by the park board Monday.

Commissioner George Wainborn, who proposed the park, said he hopes it will discourage dog owners from taking their pets to the beaches, where they are prohibited.

The dog park will be set up in a wooded ravine south of Spanish Banks once used for pony rides. It will not be fenced, and all dogs will have to be leashed.

Wainborn said the park will be made as attractive as possible, including a place where dogs can drink as well as seafaring hydrants.

"I'm not kidding about the hydrants," Wainborn said after the meeting.

He said if the park is successful, he will suggest setting up another one in the city's densely-populated west end.

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SIREN TO CALL YOUTH CURFEW

PORT COQUITLAM (CP) — The fire chief will sound a siren at 11 p.m. each night to warn youngsters to get off the streets in Port Coquitlam.

Council voted 4 to 3 Monday night to impose an 11-pm curfew on juveniles.

The council voted to prepare and pass a bylaw that would carry a \$5 maximum fine for parents and guardians who permit their children and wards, 15 years of age and younger, to habitually contravene the bylaw.

Alderman Phil Ranger said the bylaw should "start the pendulum of permissiveness swinging in the right direction."

Ad. George Laking said the curfew will not be any more enforceable than current juvenile laws and will mean the deterioration of relations between good youths and police.

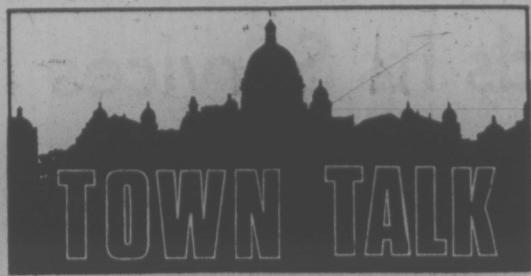
Ad. Laking was the only councillor to vote against a resolution to ask senior governments to pass stronger gun control laws.

Maggie Burtnishaw, whose son was killed by a 13-year-old with a rifle in a Vancouver department store last December, and New Westminster coroner Doug Jack asked council to push for more security in stores and homes and for gun registration after proof of competency in handling firearms.

B.C. Asking For TV Time

THE provincial government has asked the Canadian Radio-Television Commission to adopt a new policy in granting broadcast licences by ordering applicants to provide time for government educational programs.

The request was made at a CRTC hearing in Vancouver by Charles Dalen



In the spring in Victoria, it seems, a middle-aged man's fancy turns not so lightly to thoughts of jogging.

Red of face, often ample of frame, these earnest fellows can be seen at almost any hour of the day or night, pounding the footpath and lawns of Beacon Hill Park on their self-imposed circuits of suffering.

Little old ladies feeding the ducks shy back in alarm, dogs bark and occasionally give merry chase, rude young ruffians point and jeer.

But nothing deters the keep-fit fraternity from clocking their misanthropic mileage.

Some travel in small sociable groups, maintaining a kind of monosyllabic gasping conversation. Others, the loners, prefer to endure their agony in solitude.

Their labored breathing conjures up visions of The Godfather's garrulous victims. Their limbs may be leaden, their anti-perspirant taxed to absurd limits.

But one thing keeps them going: the knowledge that it's good for them.

Well, isn't it?

When Mayor Peter Polson returned from a vacation in Hawaii last month there was no one to meet him at the airport. He took a taxi home.

When Victoria police chief Jack Gregory returned home from his vacation in Hawaii last month there was a police cruiser waiting for him to bring him in to the city. The officer snapped a salute and then held the door of the car open as the chief climbed in.

It's nice to have friends.



MRS. PARKER
she cares

Chairman Charles Barber has gathered a list of sponsors in the same short time that includes prominent Victorians from all fields.

"I feel very happy to have helped," said Mrs. Parker. "We have too much filth on television, too much shooting and too much pollution in every way."

The B.C. Wildlife Federation gives Sealand of the Pacific president Bob Wright a bad time about the capture of killer whales on one hand, then turns around and asks him for a favor on the other.

The federation has also written Wright asking that wives of delegates attending the annual meeting of the Canadian Wildlife Federation in Nanaimo April 27-28 be given a tour of Sealand to meet the star of the show, the killer whale Haida.

Wright says he's glad to oblige and the tour will be on the house.

After a brief respite from an exhausting round of centennials — it's been at least a year without one, hasn't it? — another looms on the horizon: the 1976 centennial of the Victoria High School, oldest high school west of the Great Lakes.

And the success of this shindig seems assured, for the Vice High graduate in charge of the centennial committee is none other than Mr. Centennial himself — Deputy Provincial Secretary Lawrie Wallace.

He was the top organizer for the large-scale celebrations of centennials in:

1958, marking the 100th birthday of the formation of the mainland colony of British Columbia;

1966-67, joint celebrations marking the 1866 union of the colonies of Vancouver Island and the B.C. mainland, and the first 100 years of Canadian confederation;

And 1971, centenary of B.C.'s entry into confederation.

Maybe it was the name and this formidable reputation which helped Wallace pull off a minor coup last week, when Victoria's finance committee swiftly approved his request for two nights' free use of the Memorial Arena.

That's the locale for the school's major celebrations and reunion May 7 and 8, 1976.

Although he was demoted along with such notables as St. Christopher by the Roman Catholic Church, St. George, patron saint of England, has at least one champion in Victoria. She called Town Talk this week to remind us, Wednesday is his feast day. Here from Britain since 1927, she asked to remain anonymous. "I just wanted to make sure St. George had his day," she said. "After all, they throw St. Patrick down our throats."

Being championed by a lady seems a fair exchange for the saint whose figure has become synonymous with knightliness and the avenging of fair damsels in distress.

If you are confused about Celsius, Arthur Dutton of 103 Pendergast has the answer.

Dutton, a 77-year-old retired bank official and mathematician, has developed an instantaneous converter.

It's a simple device comprising two circles of cardboard, one six inches in diameter, the other eight inches, tacked together in the centre. Draw a straight line through the centre of the smaller circle. At one end mark off zero degrees Celsius; at the other 32 degrees Fahrenheit. Then rotate the smaller disc.

For every five degrees Celsius marked off at one end check off nine degrees Fahrenheit at the other. You'll be able to hoggle your friends with your ability to convert the temperature scales backwards and forwards at the flick of a finger.

Dutton said the idea struck him early in March. It took a month of trials and errors but with a sturdy set of compasses and determination came up with the final product last week.

Norman Horton retired to Victoria in 1962 after an active work life in the financial and industrial circles of Toronto and Montreal.

Since then he has been president of the Air Force Officers' Association, a vice-president of the Men's Canadian Club, a director of the Royal United Services Institute and of the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce.

He also founded the Retired Executives Bureau, an agency which makes available a lot of expertise in the public service.

Horton practises what he preaches. At 78, he has now joined the board of Royal Jubilee Hospital.

By KIT COLLINS
Times Staff

Municipal Affairs Minister Jim Lorimer is baffling officials in Victoria's capital region by keeping them in the dark about waterfront development plans, a Soored MLA charged Monday.

Hugh Curtis of Saanich and the Islands accused Lorimer of defaulting on his responsibility to inform municipal officials of government intentions.

The minister is failing local governments by not insisting that consultation between a wealth of government

INFORMATION NEEDED ON HARBOR

Lorimer Baffling City-Curtis

bodies — the federal government, the provincial departments of lands and forests, housing and public works — take place.

"There are five agencies actively pursuing their own plans in the Capital Regional District," said Curtis, "each going their own sweet way."

He suggested a full-scale conference between municipal and senior government officials with representation from the Union of B.C. Municipalities to discuss allocation of funds and other local government concerns.

The criticism came during

debate of Lorimer's \$100.4 million department spending estimates.

Lorimer said "active discussion" on future development of the controversial Reid property on Victoria's Inner Harbor has been going on for some time and civic officials have been assured they will have input at the planning stages.

"I'll be the first to admit consultation is not what it might have been, but I don't agree with all the criticism," said Lorimer.

"In general terms I suggest we have attempted consulta-

tion in cases like the administrative takeover of the provincial court system and financing."

Although congratulating Lorimer for keeping his department expenditure increase down, Liberal Leader David Anderson said more funds should be spent on rapid transit systems.

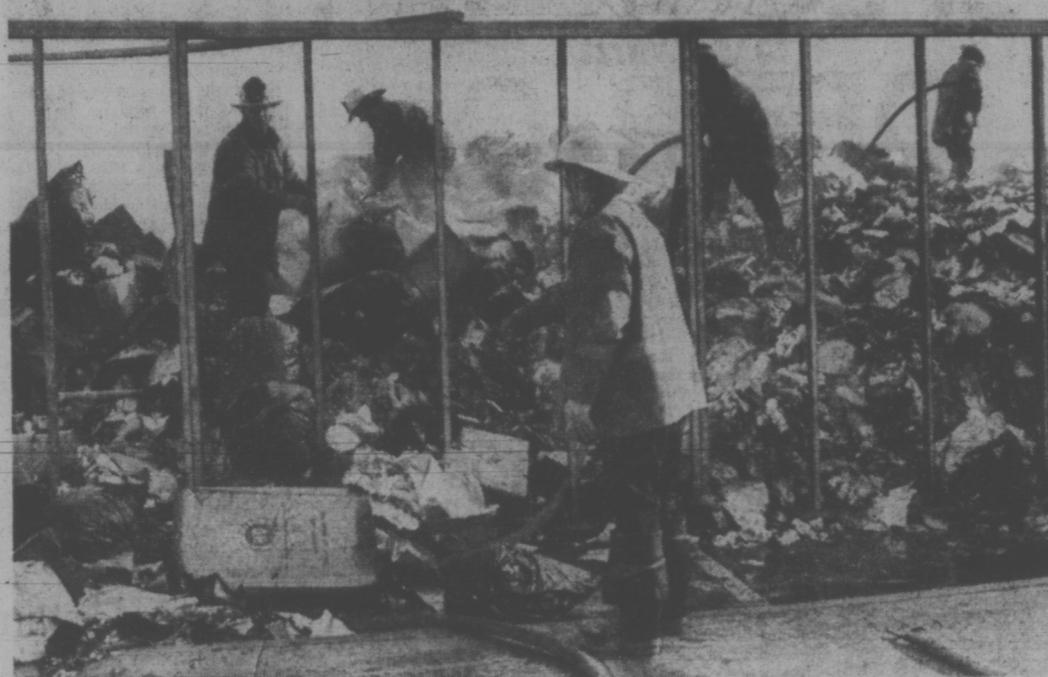
"The minister has been engagingly frank in concerns about urban transport," said Anderson, "but it should be given higher priority."

Lorimer agreed the area was possibly the greatest in need of action.

He said he favors light rail transit systems, despite substantial costs for initial stages. Operating costs are cheaper than buses, he said.

"Districts are not sold on light rail, to put it mildly, if we would be using city streets," said Lorimer.

"Before we go 100 per cent for light rail there are other questions to be answered. It has to be done but it can only be done piece by piece. It's not feasible to do the whole thing at one time, and with the present budget we're certainly unable to look at that."



FIRE WHICH BROKE OUT in garbage behind the Legislative Buildings in the 500-block Superior Monday was brought quickly under control by Victoria firemen. Refuse has been allowed to accumulate

during the municipal employees strike-lockout that began Jan. 27. A juvenile boy is suspected of setting the fire which was spotted at 4:12 p.m. (Bill Halkett photo)

Houseboat Can Stay Mot Rules

Houseboaters at Esquimalt's West Bay Marina won't have to cast off their mooring lines, says the federal transport ministry.

The 20 marine residents, criticized by aldermen and local residents, have as much right to stay as power boats and dinghies, the MoT says in a letter to houseboater Jean Stewart.

The federal department was consulted after aldermen complained they could not tax the floating homes.

"Investigation by regional officials of this ministry has indicated operators of the West Bay Marina are living up to the terms of the agreement contained in the lease," said the letter from transport special assistant John Fairchild.

"(The department) can therefore find no violation upon which an exclusion of any type of vessel from the facilities could be based," it said.

Marina owner John Melnyk was not surprised and said he has no trouble with the houseboaters and will allow them to stay.

E's quia i'm Mayor Art Young could not be reached for comment.

Alert Pair Help Chilled Fisherman

Two alert sports fishermen rescued a Victoria man Monday after his boat exploded and sank, throwing him in the water off Discovery Island in Juan de Fuca Strait.

Chris Tates of 1706 Newton Gardens and Mike Legh of 1722 Lee were fishing on the other side of the island when they noticed smoke in the distance.

They fired up the motor of their 16-foot boat and rushed to the other side of the island where they found Garry Larche of 535 Niagara, who had made his way to shore.

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At the end of February, Victoria had been out performing

Home Building Sags As Dispute Drags On

Housing starts in the Victoria area are down 33 per cent from the same time last year as the civic strike-lockout continues to take its toll.

No building permits have been issued in the core municipalities since January. Any construction since that time has been based on permits issued in January or work authorized under the National Housing Act.

Starts in March totalled 145, down more than 50 per cent from 310 in March a year ago.

Total starts in the first three months reached 440, down 33 per cent from 659 a year earlier.

Ironically, January had been a good month for the construction industry in Victoria with 227 starts, up 31 from the previous January.

The construction boom, however, was stalled by the strike-lockout and starts fell to 68 in February, down from 153 a year earlier.

Most of the work that is underway is in the form of apartment units. Only 24 single family homes were started in the greater Victoria area in March (down from 86 a year earlier) while 113 apartment units were begun (also down, from 203).

A spokesman for Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation said the rate of housing starts would continue to decline as the effects of the current labor dispute spread.

Before the strike-lockout, housing starts in 1975 were ahead of 1974. By the end of February, however, they were down 15 per cent and by the end of March down 33 per cent.

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Ask the Times

Q: What happened between Lyle Waggoner and Carol Burnett? What is Waggoner doing now? W.P.

A: Waggoner, who quit the Carol Burnett Show to find his own series, will star with Linda Carter in The New, Original Wonder Woman, an ABC-TV movie and series pilot based on the comic strip.

People like that make our job easier and everybody on the water is a little safer," Matthews said.

Teaching of sex education in schools was bitterly attacked by a parent Monday at a Greater Victoria school board meeting.

"At Central junior high school on April 15 my son and his classmates were subjected to a sex education course in place of the regular math class," said Rosetta Newberry of 249 Wildwood Ave.

Venerable disease, contraception and abortion were discussed, she said.

"What has teaching about butchering babies to do with getting an education?"

Reading aloud a letter to the board, Mrs. Newberry said: "As a parent, I demand that these classes be stopped and not reinstated under new guises and titles . . ."

Mrs. Newberry came to the meeting armed with several pamphlets on American sex education programs, an American book entitled Raping Our Children: The Sex Education Scandal, and a copy of the B.C. Catholic, which had a story about Richmond parents opposing a con-

"If such an invasion of parental rights occurs again, I will leave no stone unturned to oppose these courses, especially if our religious or moral rights are undermined or openly attacked under the guise of new ideas in education."

Trustee Peter Bunn came to the defence of the family life program.

"I think that you do an unkind and I'm sure unintentional injustice to what is probably the most well thought out and the most moderate family life education program in Canada," Bunn said.

The Victoria program should not be confused with those in Richmond or the United States, he said.

Ted Callbeck, assistant director, special education

programs, said all parents are notified of the family life program before it begins.

Parents who don't want their children to attend can get them excused, he said.

Family life is taught by two itinerant specialists, Irene McDonald and Roy Christie, in Grade 9 and 10 classes across the district.

Callbeck said the problem with Mrs. Newberry arose because she did not want her son to attend the classes and he disobeyed her and attended.

Vic Thomson, assistant superintendent in charge of curriculum, said today only about six students from any school are asked by their parents not to attend the classes.

Green Stink Bug? Here's What to Do

If you've got ants in the attic or beetles in the basement, the Pacific Forest Research Centre on Burnside has come to your rescue with a free booklet.

"Insects Found In and Near the Home," written by local research technicians David Ruppel and Erica Pass, describes and pictures more than 30 pests that cause damage to wood products in B.C.

It also includes instructions on how the homeowner can prevent and control a few of the more bothersome types.

The name of some of these creatures — carpenter ant, flat-headed fir borer, ladder beetle, yellow mealworm, clothes moth, green stink bug, western subterranean termite — are bad enough. But if they don't frighten you, the pictures will.

For a free copy of the 18-page booklet (one to a customer), write: Pacific Forest Research Centre, 506 West Burnside Rd., Victoria, V8Z 1M5.



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\$33,400 Awarded By Think Tank

The University of Victoria's new think tank has awarded more than \$33,400 to UVic's geography and economics departments.

It is the first grant of its kind to come from the newly-formed B.C. Economic Policy Analysis Institute headed by resource economist Mason Gaffney.

Six student fellowships will be included in the grant along with faculty research money and limited travel money, for B.C. students.

With the grant, UVic will finally move into an area of research that has long been neglected, said geography professor Malcolm Micklewright.

That area deals with towns whose prime industry is fishing, mining, logging or the exploitation of other natural resources.

Students receiving the fellowships will come to UVic to study topics from the taxation of resource industries and its effects on the residents' life and work, to questions about who should bear the costs of environmental protection.

Micklewright and economics professor Gerry Walter will use the \$6,400 in faculty research money this summer looking at regional and resource development in a northern Canadian community.

First Festival Day

Judged 'Truly a Joy'

Only one day old, the 25th annual Greater Victoria Music Festival has already produced some outstanding performances in vocal, string and speech classes.

Junior, and adult vocal sessions Monday, caused Winnipeg adjudicator Frances Wickenberg to comment on a whole day "that was truly a joy."

More than a thousand music makers of all ages were involved Monday and at least as many again today, engaging the attention of adjudicators in five separate halls. The festival continues through May 5.

Vocal classes continue through Friday at First United Fellowship Hall, speech at Newcombe Auditorium, through Thursday, strings at Oak Bay Junior through Thursday.

Choral classes which began Monday and will conclude Wednesday, have had to be moved due to other commitments from the programmed site of Victoria High, to Christ Church Cathedral hall, behind the cathedral on Vancouver Street.

Accordion and guitar classes will have occupied two days at Blanshard Elementary before they conclude this evening.

Speech classes provided one of the outstanding performers Monday as Sandra Foweraker topped five in the under 12 bracket.

At the string sessions United States adjudicator John V. Tellaisa awarded several marks between 90 and 95. Recipients were violinist Mark Neumann, Paul Thompson, Wayne Thompson, Cheri Larson and David Lowe.

Outstanding young adult vocal soloists filled the evening at First United, Monday. Three important classes — male operatic, female oratorio and lieder — made up the program and Mrs. Wickberg had many good things to say about the beautiful voices, the musical qualities of the singing, poise, intensity and flexibility.

She commented that "there should have been someone in every seat of the sparsely-

VOCAL CLASSES

Boy, 9 or 10—Julian Butterfield, 86; Julian Smith, 85; Blair Phillips, Eric Prossnitz and Felix Vinkler, 85; Jennifer Doyle, 13 or 14—Susan Pyle, 87; Cathy-Anne Skillings, 86; Carolyn Gordon, 85; Girl, 9 or 10—Low voice—Sara White, 86; Singing-Girl, 13 or 14—Susan Pyle, 88; Carmen Gozdan, 87; Intermediates—Susan Westmacott, 87; Lynne MacKinnon, 86; Janice Moyle, 87; Mark Anderson, 86; Timothy Williams, 85; Robert Harmatz and David Horner, equal, 83.

STRING CLASSES

Violin solo, under 10—Jennifer Wallis, 88; Helen Welsh, 86; Oscar Weisard, 87; Violin solo, under 13—David Lowe, 91; Mark Ferris, 86; Violin solo, under 15—Alan Horner, 85.

ATTACKS ON THE RISE

LISBON (AP) — Leftist attacks on the leading conservative party are increasing in violence in the closing days of the election campaign, and the leftist military government is putting up only token opposition to the outbreaks.

Campaigning for the 247 seats in the constitutional assembly ends at midnight tonight, and the voting will be Friday.

All 12 parties allowed to participate have agreed that

the new constitution the assembly will write will concentrate power in the ruling military junta, the 28-man, leftist-dominated Revolutionary Council.

Several thousand leftists broke up a street march Monday night in Braga, northern Portugal, by supporters of the Conservative Centre Social Democratic party and drove the marchers into the party headquarters with a hail of rocks and bottles.

A leftist spokesman said one member was shot in Braga, and the local hospital said 11 other persons were given first aid there.

At least 20 persons were reported injured in Guimares.

Leftists have frequently disrupted CDS rallies, but this was the worst violence of the campaign.

Miss Pell is Missing, to be presented by St. Luke's Players Wednesday through Saturday at St. Luke's Hall, Cedar Hill X Road. Curtain is at 8:15 p.m.

GIFT of a George Washington spoon by Otis (Ed Rowley) gets a less than enthusiastic reception from Richard (Dave Shearer) and Louise (Marilyn MacKenzie) in a scene from the comedy, *Miss Pell is Missing*, to be presented by St. Luke's Players Wednesday through Saturday at St. Luke's Hall, Cedar Hill X Road. Curtain is at 8:15 p.m.

Provider at sea, returning May 7: Mackenzie, Qu'Appelle and Saskatchewan at sea, returning May 8; all other ships in port.

TRIUMF Seeks Shield Funds

VANCOUVER (CP) — The TRIUMF particle accelerator has asked the federal government for an extra half million dollars to buy more concrete shielding.

Scientists are waiting to open the throttle on the machine, now running at about one per cent of full power, but can't because there isn't enough shielding to protect workers from the radiation, said Reg Richardson, TRIUMF director on Monday.

Money meant for the shielding was eaten up by inflation, he said.

Scientists want to add six feet of shielding around the entire machine, and another six feet will be required to run the accelerator at full capacity.

Medical experiments planned for TRIUMF won't be delayed if the money comes this year, he added.

A leader of the TRIUMF project says that within two years, it will be the most advanced radiation treatment centre in the world for treating many forms of cancer.

Dr. G. B. Douglas, a medical doctor and physicist,

made the statement in an interview Monday during a two-day conference of doctors, physicists and radiologists which ends today.

Although TRIUMF stands for Tri-University Meson Facility, four universities are involved, the University of B.C., Simon Fraser University, the University of Victoria and the University of Alberta, which joined after the name was formed.

There are three other high energy accelerators in the world.

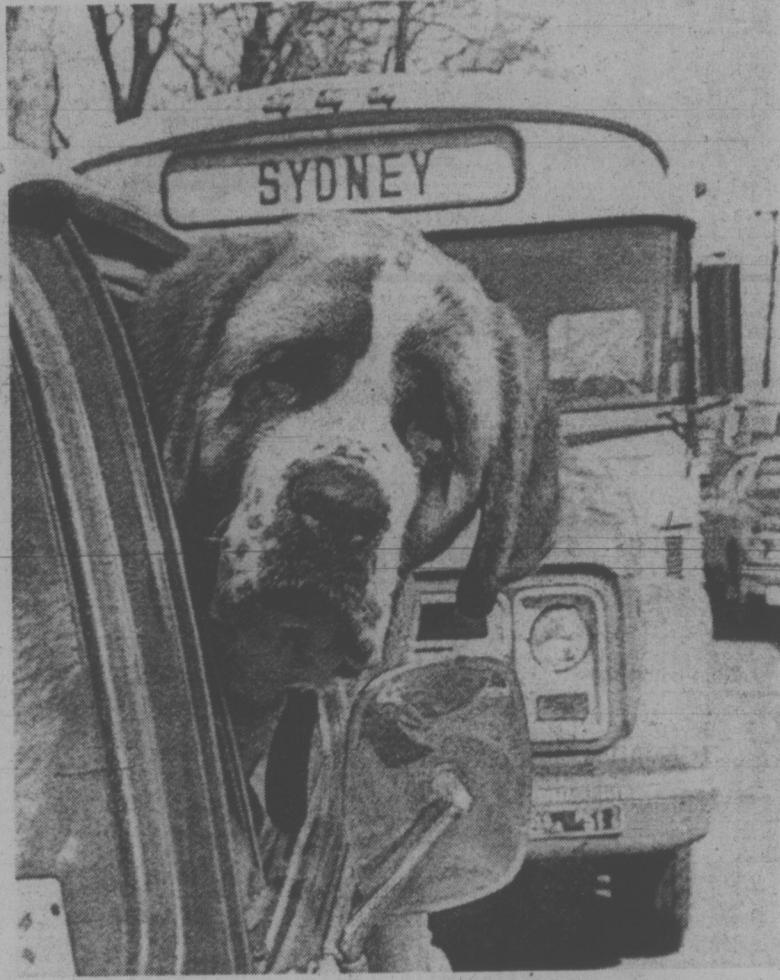
Dr. Douglas said the Los

Almos Meson Physics Facility in New Mexico is "slightly ahead of us," but the accelerator is in the middle of a desert with no cancer patients nearby.

He said the TRIUMF accelerator is close to a major cancer treatment centre.

Dr. Douglas said the accelerator at Stanford University has been designed for a different approach, "and they have met problems."

The other accelerator in Zurich, Switzerland, is not expected to have much medical use.



TRAFFIC SNARL did nothing to improve the disposition of Fred the St. Bernard during a Sydney, N.S. rush hour. Fred's response did nothing to

speed up the lines and he eventually gave up the driver's seat to his owner and took a nap.

CASHLESS SOCIETY IN GOVT

OTTAWA (CP) — The cashless society is coming to government within a few months, the Commons miscellaneous estimates committee was told today.

Jean-Pierre Goyer, minister of supply and services, said his department has been holding formal meetings with the Canadian Bankers' Association to set up a new system of direct funds transfer.

"The first pilot projects . . . will begin shortly," he said.

Max Saltzman (NDP—Walterdale-Cambridge) took up the

questioning, commenting that "this puts you in the forefront of the cashless society."

Donald Yeomans, assistant deputy minister in the services administration, said the first step — getting the banks to agree on electronic standards for transfer of funds — already has been completed.

Direct electronic transfer actually will begin by June this year, he said, with government payments to banks under the guaranteed loans program.

This includes such programs as student loans and loans to fishermen, in which the federal government has to pay interest charges and sometimes pays off the loan if the borrower defaults.

The next step will be to introduce the system on a voluntary basis for paying civilian employees of the defence department in Ottawa. This is expected to begin by the end of this year, Mr. Yeomans said.

"It would be some years before this is a wholesale operation," he added.

But the government hopes it can eventually be extended to cover government payrolls and payments to citizens ranging from children's allowances to old age pensions.

Mr. Yeomans said the direct electronic transfer of funds will be "much more economical" and more convenient to the citizen.

Mr. Saltzman told a reporter after the committee meeting the new system "really has profound effects on society," altering among other things the bargaining relationships between groups.

He said it would mean that postal strikes, for example, can be sustained much longer, without the pressure to settle that results from the delays in distributing old age pension and other essential cheques.

Mr. Yeomans, also in an interview afterward, said it is

the social implications that are most likely to slow the implementation of the system.

The government would have to have a record in its com-

puters of the bank account numbers of recipients of its cheques, he said, and there is likely to be some resistance to this on grounds of privacy.

Woman Admitted Killing Husband

NANAIMO (CP) — A B.C. supreme court hearing was told Monday by two Vancouver city police officers that they received a statement from a woman accused of murder that she had stabbed her common-law husband on board a vessel moored in Nanaimo.

Marilyn Joan Frank, 34, of Vancouver, was charged with the murder of Frank Wells, 43, of Richmond Nov. 12 on board the boat, Glenaston, in Commercial Inlet. The body

was discovered on the boat Nov. 20 by Nanaimo RCMP after Vancouver police learned of the death.

Nanaimo pathologist Dr. Robert Clarke told the first day of the trial that Wells died of a knife wound to the heart.

Ronald Baber of Vancouver said in court he met Frank in Vancouver Nov. 13, and she stayed with him for a week at a hotel. He said the woman was "behaving like she had a problem and later in the week said she killed her husband."

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U.S. Readies Forces For Evacuation Fight

Times News Services

The U.S. is sending thousands of Marines plus electronic warfare planes, jet refuelling tankers, helicopters and transports to Indochina as concern grows over the evacuation of some 2,000 Americans and an undisclosed number of South Vietnamese associates.

Senior officials describe the situation as "touch and go."

The prospects have increased that a swift emergency evacuation may be necessary as Saigon's outer defences crumble and North Vietnamese artillery and anti-aircraft missiles come within range of Saigon's Tan Son Nhut airport.

If either the North or South Vietnamese "shows displeasure" at such an evacuation, President Ford said Monday, diplomatically, "some fairly sizable force" of Americans might be required to extricate those South Vietnamese who would be exposed to retaliation without the protection of the United States.

Ford also said, "There was no pressure by me or anyone else in Washington" for the resignation of President Nguyen Van Thieu, despite Thieu's charge that he was under U.S. pressure to resign.

Thieu's decision "so far as we know was made entirely on his own," he added.

Thousands of Americans and their South Vietnamese dependents meanwhile, jammed a tent colony at United States' Clark air base in the Philippines today as the evacuation from Saigon became a round-the-clock operation.

At least 40 U.S. Air Force C-141 and C-130 cargo planes filled with an estimated 3,000 persons were scheduled to land at intervals of 30 to 45 minutes.

Officials in Saigon said fewer than 2,000 Americans are left in the South Vietnamese capital.

They had no estimate, however, of the number of Vietnamese dependents awaiting evacuation.

Many Americans were angry at being herded into tents hastily erected Monday in a carnival field in the middle of the base. Authorities explained that the gymnasium and barracks already are filled with people.

Each tent was designed to accommodate 20 persons and the colony was being expanded to house 5,000 people.

In several gymnasiums on the base, evacuees were sleeping on mattresses on the floor.

"This is no way to treat people," said Col. Paul Wragg of Tampa, Fla., the base's chief chaplain and an evacuate relief co-ordinator.

"Unless something happens to break the log jam, we will really be in trouble."

In Los Angeles, it was claimed the United States may evacuate up to a million South Vietnamese to California.

County supervisor James Hayes said Monday he had been informed by highly-placed officials in Washington that planning is underway to bring from 600,000 to 1 million southeast Asian refugees to our shores, children and adults as well."

The evacuation may be carried out "whether we like it or not" and said the county government should "be ready for any eventuality," he added."

On the war front, Communist forces, ignoring the resignation of President Thieu, advanced on Saigon from two sides today, crippling South Vietnam's major air base and assaulting the district capital of Ham Tan in the Mekong Delta.

South Vietnamese troops also completed their retreat from Xuan Loc, 40 miles east of Saigon on Highway 1.

One-Man Inquiry For Air Canada

OTTAWA (CP) — The government will appoint a one-man commission to investigate the circumstances surrounding the payment of \$100,000 to a Montreal travel agent by an official of Air Canada.

And Transport Minister Jean Marchand told reporters after a cabinet meeting today the commission will look at "the whole financial structure of the organization to see if we have all the control we need" over company spending. (Earlier story Page 15.)

MISSION CLOSING

OTTAWA (UPI) — Canada is expected to close its diplomatic mission in Saigon Wednesday, a government source said today.

There are still three diplomatic representatives in the South Vietnamese capital, including chargé d'affaires Ernest Hebert. Their families have all left.

A government source said it was "highly likely" the mission would close Wednesday. "Bearing in mind the departure of our Commonwealth friends, the Australians, it makes it easier to be the next to go," he said. Australia closed its embassy Monday.

Another government source said that it was unlikely Canada would re-open the mission in Saigon once the political situation settled down, noting Canada already has representation in Hanoi.

Aside from the three diplomats, there are 38 other Canadians — 10 journalists, 20 missionaries who plan to stay-on, and eight with Vietnamese dependents awaiting visas — still in Saigon.



TEARFUL REUNION at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines took place today as this mother was re-

united with her sons who had been evacuated from Saigon on a different plane.

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Ottawa to Probe Corporate Power

Times News Services

OTTAWA — Prime Minister Trudeau announced today he will appoint a royal commission to look into the implications of the concentration of corporate power in Canada.

It will be the first royal commission set up since Trudeau became prime minister in 1968.

In a statement to the House of Commons Trudeau said he would appoint the commission, to be headed by former deputy finance minister Robert Bryce, "to investigate into the economic and social implications of the major concentration of corporate power in Canada" and possible legislation to protect the interests of Canadians.

Trudeau's announcement comes at a time when Power Corporation of Montreal, one of the largest holding corporations in the country, is making a bid to take over Argus Corporation in Toronto, another major holding company. Should the deal go through, power corporation would become the most powerful corporate entity in the country.

In the oils, Consolidated Co- lumbia River was down 20 at 35¢-29¢ share. Scotforth was unchanged at 45¢ on 43,000. Anglo- Bonar was unchanged at 72 on 23,000. Sunoco was up 7¢ at 33,900. Jersey was unchanged at 35¢ on 16,000. Williams Creek was unchanged at 55¢ on 2,000. Galveston was up 1¢ at 56.

Politicians Withdraw From Talks

Municipal administrators today worked independently of elected representatives during mediation efforts aimed at solving the area's 11-week civic dispute.

Provincial mediator Clark Gilmour said the senior staff group was working out calculations involving settlement proposals.

Regional district chairman Jim Campbell said the political group has withdrawn from discussion until they are needed.

Earlier, regional employers' chief negotiator George Wilkinson expressed the wish to meet CUPE negotiators face to face without the presence of elected people.

This afternoon both sides were meeting with Gilmour in separate rooms.

CUPE spokesman Jim Walker said after 5½ hours of talks Monday that the union and civic employers are "working closer together," but he declined to suggest there was little but an hourly wage settlement left to agree upon.

Victoria workers stayed on the job.

The number of strikers is about one-quarter of the Letter Carriers' Union membership.

A union spokesman said it was expected that contract talks between government and union negotiators would resume today.

A cost-of-living adjustment, length of agreement and wages are among issues.

About 550 letter carriers in Edmonton and neighboring St. Albert and Sherwood Park were on strike today.

A union spokesman said inside postal workers, members of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, had been asked not to cross picket lines. "Most are staying out, at least they are staying away from the front door."

The spokesman added that he assumed the walkout would last for 24 hours, but a final decision would be made by national union officials in Ottawa.

In Saskatoon, 127 letter carriers who walked out Monday morning returned to their jobs today.

Letter carriers were on strike today in St. John's, Mount Pearl and Stephenville, Nfld.; Halifax, Sydney and Dartmouth, N.S.; Saint John, Moncton, Fredericton and Bathurst, N.B.

The request was made at a morning cabinet meeting.

U.S. Seeks Gradual Gas Hikes

Times News Services

OTTAWA — United States officials today suggested increases in the price of natural gas exported from Canada should be introduced gradually to lessen the impact on American consumers.

Julius Katz, assistant under-secretary of state, said a two-hour meeting this morning with senior federal government officials was called for "consultation and not negotiation."

As the government was emerging from the external affairs building, Katz said he "referred" in the talks to "previous statements on phasing-in price increases."

The talks came two days before the federal cabinet is expected to make a decision on increasing the export price of gas, currently \$1 a thousand cubic feet.

Government sources say the cabinet is looking at an increase of between 50 and 60 cents.

Energy Minister Donald Macdonald indicated before the talks it would take persuasive arguments from the United States to stall an increase in export natural gas prices.

While the government was willing to hear arguments from the U.S., "at the moment we are not open on an increase or timing" of an increase, Macdonald said.

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